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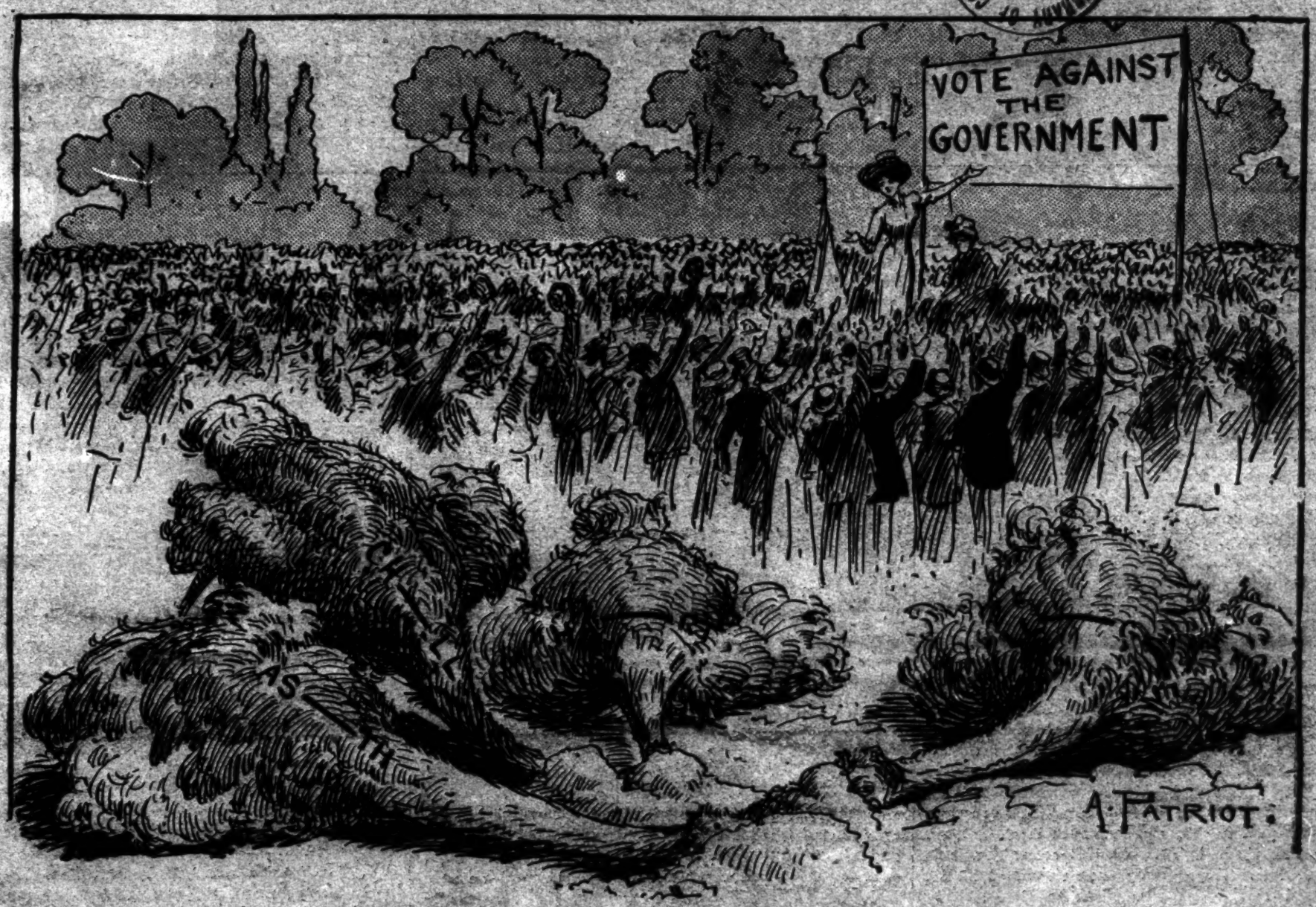
"PLAYING OSTRICH."



By this time Ministers, however much they may delude themselves by "playing ostrich," must realise that the Suffragettes, stronger than ever in numbers, in funds, and in all that goes to the making of a political Party, are determined to take a strenuous and important part in the autumn campaign.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

Mr. Haldane has been speaking in his constituency on Woman Suffrage, and on the general principle has been making out a very good case for Votes for Women. Women, he said, were going more and more into public life, and people were asking: "Where will you draw the line?" He would not draw the line by any Act of Parliament, but leave it to nature to draw it, and he thought nature would draw it very well. Of course, he objected to the Suffragettes (their ministrations have never been intended to be agreeable to the Members of the Cabinet) and compared their behaviour to that of a nagging wife who said, "Why did you not bring home double the amount of money you did yesterday?" But to make the case really parallel, Mr. Haldane ought to have spoken of the wife whose husband never brought her home any money at all for the maintenance of herself and her children. What would Mr. Haldane advise the woman to do in that case? Woman Suffragists behaved like the patient wife for 40 years and got nothing. They have now begun to try a little active pressure. Patience in public matters carried to excess becomes criminal negligence.

Flatly Contradictory.

At another meeting Mr. Haldane defended the inaction of the Government, and contended that if the Members in the House of Commons had wished the Bill to proceed they would have sent it to a Grand Committee. Referring to the majority of 110 for the second reading he is reported to have said:—

> As for that majority, it was questionable if it indicated support of the Bill in view of the much greater—the overwhelming—majority with which it was decided to keep the Bill in Committee of the whole House. These were very technical matters of Parliamentary procedure, but it is a fact that to send the Bill upstairs to Grand Committee was the safe and natural way to deal with it. When, in spite of that, the members decided on the other course, it seemed that they themselves did not wish it to proceed further this Session.

We have only to set against this utterance the following extract from the speech of Mr. Haldane on July 13 in the House of Commons, when the question whether the Bill was to be sent upstairs to a Grand Committee or not was still one to be decided by the vote of Members of Parliament. He then said:—

> I should be very sorry to be a party to sending this Bill to be discussed in a Committee upstairs. . . . . If progress is to be made then I most emphatically think that this House of Commons would do well to proceed upon the footing of treating this question with the utmost fairness and giving the utmost fulness of discussion. That does not involve necessarily that the question should be delayed in becoming law.

Comment is unnecessary.

The Hostility of the Government.

The plain fact which emerges from all this is that the Government, though professing itself neutral, is really the one serious obstacle to the passage of the Woman Suffrage Bill. The House of Commons has declared its support of the measure by one of the largest majorities of the present Session, but the later stages of the Bill cannot be taken because the Government refuse time for their discussion. It is for this reason that the Women's Social and Political Union have entered the field and are conducting a strenuous campaign against the Liberal Candidate in both the by-elections—in Walthamstow, where Mr. Simon is seeking re-election, and in South Shields, where Mr. Russell Rea is standing as the Liberal candidate, on the appointment of Sir William Robson to be a Lord of Appeal. An account of the campaign which they are conducting is given on page 20, and a special article on the By-Election Policy by Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be found on page 25.

Great Meetings.

Mrs. Pankhurst is having an enthusiastic reception in Ireland. Her meeting in Dublin is described by the *Irish*

Times as "the largest Suffrage Meeting ever held n Dublin"; and the same paper records the keen enthusiasm shown for militant methods. The Thursday evening free meetings in London commenced on Thursday in last week, in the Memorial Hall, Miss Evelyn Sharp giving a delightful speech dealing with the forces in opposition to Woman Suffrage. Mrs. Tuke was in the chair and Miss Pethick spoke of her work in Leicester. On Monday afternoon, in the Queen's Hall, the audience were delighted to hear Dr. Kirby, who, in the course of a very cogent speech, explained the barbarous practice of forcible feeding which had been adopted in Birmingham. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's speech on the position of women to-day under the law was listened to with great attention. Other meetings have been held in all the principal centres throughout the country, particulars of which are given elsewhere. Next week, in London, at the Queen's Hall, Lady Stout is speaking on the effect of the Women's Vote in New Zealand, and Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence will deal with the Relationship between Votes and Wages.

Press Comments on the Suffrage Campaign.

The Press have made many references lately to the part the Woman Suffragists are likely to play in the autumn in the political conflict. *The Outlook*, in an interesting article, of which we give a long extract elsewhere, deals with the question and refers to the opposition of women to the Government at the next Election as follows:—

> They will give a character of its own to the next General Election, and a character which promises to be very disagreeable to the Ministerialists, who will have to fight the Woman Suffragists as well as the Unionists, and, in all probability, the Labour men. It is a prospect which must render the Liberal Party managers more reluctant than ever to face the electors, and more doubtful of success when at length that unwelcome ordeal can no longer be evaded.

The Manchester Courier refers to the same subject in an extract which we have illustrated in our cartoon this week. A number of other comments are given on page 25.

Woman Suffrage in Portugal.

According to the *Daily Mail* the President of the Portuguese Republic proposes that women shall be included among the voters for the first popularly elected Assembly. "I see," he said, "no reason why women should not vote, being proprietors, and interested, as well as men, in the nation's well-being."

Members of Parliament Questioned.

Members of Parliament in different parts of the country are being questioned on the subject of Woman Suffrage at their political meetings and their replies often indicate that they are still ignorant of the nature of the demand which women are making. In Walsall, Mr. Cooper, M.P., was interviewed by a deputation of Suffragists and gave his views upon the prospects of the Bill. Mr. Stuart Wortley, at Sheffield, promised to press for time for the Bill. We remind our readers that it is of the utmost importance that no opportunity should be lost of bringing home to politicians the tremendous interest which is felt by women all over the country in the success of this measure.

The Grievance of the Teachers.

Unemployed teachers, a very large number of whom are women, have a very real grievance against the powers that be, for while they have devoted years of their life to special training, and while they are pledged to hold themselves in readiness for any appointment which they may be called upon to take up, they have in many cases no work given them to do. In this connection it is important to notice the absurdly large classes of 50, 60, 70, or even more children with which teachers actually employed are expected to cope. A deputation consisting of several hundred teachers demonstrated recently outside the London County Council buildings. Fortunately the members of the latter had more sense than to imitate the members of the Government when dealing with women Suffragists in Parliament Square. The teachers were admitted to certain parts of the building and while they were being interviewed the question was being vigorously dealt with in the Council Chamber.

Contents of this Issue.

Among the special contents of this week's issue is an article by Mrs. Taylor analysing the present political situation. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence shows how all the revolutions of the world have arisen through the refusal of the powers that be to allow evolutionary progress. Other interesting articles deal with the part which women have played in freeing the slaves of America, and with the conditions prevailing in some of the slum districts in London. In our next week's issue will be included an article by Mr. Pethick Lawrence in answer to the question, "Will Women's Votes affect Women's Wages?"

Items of Interest.

The Dublin Corporation have passed unanimously a resolution calling on the Government to give facilities to the "Conciliation Bill." Similar resolutions have been passed by Hawick, Berwick and Dundee Town Councils.

Pitch captains and all those competing for prizes in the VOTES FOR WOMEN competition must send in particulars of their sales on or before Monday next, in order that the circulation manager may decide as to the prize winners.

The Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement are undertaking vigorous work of all kinds in every part of the country, and we hope that our readers will render them all the assistance possible.

Our readers will be interested to know that Mr. Pearse, whose able cartoons form a leading feature of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and who is a regular contributor to the *Throne and Country*, is drawing a picture of Miss Christabel Pankhurst for that paper, which will appear in its next issue.

Woman Suffrage, or the equivalent for it in Ancient Greece, is the subject of the play, "Lysistrata" of Aristophanes, which is being revived in London at the "Little" Theatre in the Adelphi. We hope to publish a critique in our next issue.

A VETERAN ON THE PRESENT SITUATION.

By Mrs. Mona Taylor.

It has been said that every measure that becomes law passes through three stages: Ridicule, argument, and adoption. To these I would add one more—opposition; placing it before the final stage of adoption.

No Act to benefit any class or bearing on the relative position of the sexes, has ever passed without active opposition both in and outside Parliament. The Married Women's Property Act, the Guardianship of Children Act, the Employers' Liability Act, the Old Age Pensions Act, are instances that rise at once to mind. The subject matter of each was ridiculed at first as absurd, impractical or impious. Then followed advocacy on the platform and discussion in the Press; resolutions in Parliament and Private Members' Bills. And as each measure in turn became one of first importance, active and angry opposition sprang up; opposition destined to be ineffective, for evolution being the law of the universe, the forces of affirmation and progress invariably conquer the opposing forces of negation and reaction. The struggle may sometimes be long and arduous, but final victory is certain.

Women's Suffrage has long passed the stage of ridicule—polite or otherwise. None except those who have worked in the movement for many years can realise the annoyance of the pitying smile with which, years ago, any mention of the subject was met, the aggravation of the quiet disregard of the matter as one not worth discussing—the fad of a few foolish women.

Rude ridicule has been of later date, but the jeers which greeted the Suffragettes in the streets of London and other towns during the last few years have also died out. When walking in the procession of June 18 this year, nothing struck me so much as the absence of jeering. A year ago, when I took part in a Suffrage procession in London, there was still plenty of it, but this year the public throughout Great Britain seem to have suddenly become aware that the subject is a serious one; that processions and demonstrations are no longer a good joke, but the marchings of an army intent on victory. Scowls I noticed on some faces, and angry remarks were heard here and there—very welcome, to my mind, as betokening that the subject of Votes for Women had become, to our opponents, a matter of grim earnest.

As the stage of ridicule passed away that of argument took its place, and continues—shortly to be ended. For all that can be said on the subject, both for and against it, has been said over and over and over again, until practically everyone has an opinion on it one way or the other. During the last forty years it has been frequently discussed in Parliament, with much heavy hilarity, on private members' "Pleasant afternoons." It has been advocated on thousands of platforms. It has been debated in the Press. And this year, during the two days' Parliamentary debate, it was the paramount subject of conversation in all classes of society.

Since then, and only since then, the measure has advanced, and reached the inevitable and welcome stage of real active opposition. Welcome, because it is the stage previous to adoption. Welcome, because what we have had to encounter all these past years has been the deadly dead-weight of indifference. That, now, is ended—at last.

A Good Sign.

Therefore, when I heard that Lord Cromer was appealing for £100,000, and that money was coming in, I thought "That is the best news I have heard for a long time; it is one more proof of how near we are to getting the Vote." For people do not oppose a cause which has no chance of success. Lord Cromer's supporters would not contribute large sums to oppose Women's Suffrage if they did not think it necessary to do their utmost, and at once.

But, like the opposition offered to the other measures referred to, the opposition to Women's Suffrage is bound to fail.

Not only because, as I have said, the keynote of civilisation is evolution and the forces of progress are stronger than the forces of reaction, but because our opponents appeal to prejudice and selfishness and sex-jealousy. And human nature being what it is, these, when brought out into the open, pale and fade away when confronted with the spirit of justice and of freedom.

We may gladly await the Anti-Suffragists' campaign, for the more they ventilate their "reasons" for opposing Votes for Women the more it will react to our advantage. A few ladies may be bamboozled into believing that to give votes to women would endanger the Empire and involve Adult Suffrage. But the average elector, "the man in the street," knows better, and will only laugh at such statements, and turn to the Women Suffragists for common-sense.

The appeal to sex-jealousy is more dangerous; but even this we need not fear, for the men who respond to it are not of the best type.

Autocratic men, not very far removed from the bully, respond to it. Many of them (let it be freely admitted) are manly men, strong men in every sense, good men in their way, but men whose ideas of women and their wants are limited to those of their own family and friends. A man of this sort in a crowd will shoulder a poor woman on to a carriage-wheel in order to protect his wife from soiling her dress. He takes pride and pleasure in looking after his own womenkind, but women in general, and widows and spinsters in particular, must fend for themselves as best they can.

The appeal to men not to part with any of their power by giving any woman a vote, finds especial favour with the man who is physically and mentally puny. To decry women's strength and declare them unfit to fight makes him feel quite strong and every inch a soldier. He welcomes the assurance that he is a superior being and willingly accepts the dictum that he alone is fit to govern. The thoroughly bad man is, of course, entirely determined that the powers and privileges the laws give him over women shall not have any chance of being altered by them if he can help it.

But the best sort of men are sickened by these unworthy appeals to their selfishness and vanity. They have no wish to domineer over women, but would rather see them placed in a better position in the struggle of life. Chivalry, real chivalry, is not dead. In ever-increasing numbers men, especially those of the working class, are ranging themselves on our side, as we in the movement know. It needs but the open attack of the Anti-Suffragists to bring them also out into the open.

Another point for congratulation is that the Anti-Suffrage compaign will show the nation the type of woman "who does not want the vote." It is the Anti-Suffragists, not we, who will be responsible for making Women's Suffrage a class question; of setting class against class, rich against poor. When the working man sees a platform of smart and titled ladies he will inevitably draw his own conclusions. When he notes the absence of women who are working for their living, the absence of women doctors, of school teachers, clerks, typists, shop assistants, factory hands, he will realise that it is the "ladies" on one side and the working women on the other. The day after our Suffrage procession, on June 18, I met one of the leaders of the Anti-Suffragists. He said, "I saw your procession. I think we ought to get one up as an antidote." I replied, "I wish you would. You would have miles of smart motors, with two or three hundred ladies' maids and footmen indeed to walk in front carrying orchids! It would be a most instructive sight."

The Spur of Opposition.

Sweet, also, are the uses of adversity in the form of opposition in the effect it has on ourselves.

Opposition invariably stimulates the advocates of a cause to greater energy and determination. The knowledge that a £100,000 fund is to be raised to get up a paid agitation against Women's Suffrage will rouse hundreds of women who so far have idly looked on while others worked. They will now no longer stand aside, but come out to work as only Suffragettes work—untiringly, unflinchingly. It will kindle a burning sense of indignation in the hearts of thousands of working women who have to work their hardest to make 20s. a week, and make them more than ever resolved to get the Vote. While to those of us who have worked for years, and to those who have striven and suffered, the thought of opposition will make us redouble our efforts. We shall do, and give, and, if need be, suffer to the utmost, but *we shall win.*

It is this spirit of determination which bears down all opposition. It is the enthusiasm in all our hearts which makes our victory certain. It is easy for rich men and women to write large cheques, but there are things which money cannot buy—enthusiasm, courage, endurance. History shows over and over again the futility of pitting mercenaries against voluntary soldiers. Mercenaries do "their duty," but soldiers who fight for freedom do double duty. Nothing is too difficult for them to undertake; no hardships too hard for them to face. Money is of no avail against this spirit. Votes for Women will be won, and that soon.

Nearing the End.

I have been led on to write at such length on the new development of active opposition to the Suffrage, and of its value, that I have no space left for other aspects of the present situation—notably, the Parliamentary position of Women's Suffrage. I may, however, say that having watched the progress of the measure from the beginning, I am confident that it is rapidly approaching the final stage of adoption.

NEXT WEEK

Mr. Pethick Lawrence will begin a Series of Articles on "Will Women's Votes Affect Women's Wages?"

WOMEN'S PART IN FREEING THE SLAVES.

By Emily Wilding Davison, B.A.

The presence in this country of Mr. Booker Washington reminds us of the mighty struggle for the emancipation of the slaves which in America followed on our own great movement for the abolition of slavery, due to the splendid efforts of Clarkson, Wilberforce, and Dillwyn.

Booker Washington himself is a brilliant example of the benefit done to the human race by this magnificent reform. Born soon after 1850, the son of plantation slaves in Virginia, he had to serve as a slave until he was eight years of age, when the great Act passed after the Civil War set free the slaves of America. On gaining his freedom he worked for a time in mines, but at the age of ten he felt that he must acquire an education, of which he had already taught himself the rudiments even when he was a slave and prevented by law from learning to read or write. With wonderful pertinacity and determination he gained a college education, and devoted his life to the education and advancement of his race.

One of the most remarkable anomalies in the world's history is the fact that whilst the abolition of slavery in America is mainly due to the magnificent work of a splendid band of women, who were also Suffragists, yet the women of to-day are denied the rights of citizenship which are now opened to the negro, who can vote for every State institution, and can even become a member of a State Legislature. It is even true that many negroes are opposed to women's enfranchisement, so blind are they, just as in England some of our worst enemies are the so-called democratic members of a democratic Cabinet.

"A Cause Worth Dying For."

Of the brave champions of the black race two of the grandest were the sisters Angelina and Sarah Grimké, whose people were wealthy planters in South Carolina.

MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Angelina was the speaker, whilst Sarah was the writer. Angelina was early moved on behalf of the slave. As a child, she stole out of the house at night with oil and medicaments to nurse the poor slaves who had been whipped. At the age of twenty-five she went to Philadelphia to live with her sister. There she went to the Quakers' chapel, where she found that slaves were allotted a special place, apart from the rest. Disgusted at such want of Christianity, she and her sister insisted on sitting among the negroes. In 1833 she joined the American Anti-Slavery Society, and did much speaking on the question. Hers was the eloquence of a broken heart, for all her family were pro-slave, and it was almost a martyrdom to have to testify against her own friends and kin. Nevertheless, her power as one who had seen with her own eyes was unique. She faced terrible risks in doing her work. She wrote to Garrison: "If persecution is the means which God has ordained for the accomplishment of this great end—emancipation—then in dependence upon Him for strength to bear it I feel as if I could say let it come, for it is my deep, solemn conviction that this is a cause worth dying for." One of the scenes necessitated by her work was the occasion on which she pleaded the cause of the negro in 1838 at the Women's National Convention, held in New York, while a howling mob surrounded the building, yelling defiance, hurling stones at the window, and making an uproar. The brave woman went on calmly: "As a Southerner, I feel that it is my duty to stand up here to-night and bear testimony against slavery. I have seen it. I have seen it. I know its horrors, that can never be described. . . . What is a riot? What would the breaking of every window be? What would the levelling of this hall be? Any evidence that we are wrong or that slavery is a good and wholesome institution?" And so she spoke steadily for an hour. "Whatever it is morally fit for a man to do it is morally right for a woman to do," she said. "I recognise no rights but human rights." Her eloquence and Sarah's writing roused indignation on all hands, and prepared the way for the great anti-slavery movement.

So far were the people of those days from recognising that women were human beings, and had rights as well as negroes, that when the Great World's Anti-Slavery Convention met on June 12, 1840, in London, and several American States, such as Philadelphia, sent women as delegates, there was actually a scene at the beginning of the meeting as to whether women were to be admitted as delegates! A fierce discussion arose, which ended in a vote being taken, and *the women were excluded.* Two men only left the building at the disgracefully inconsistent act committed in an assembly which was met to set free the negro. The women excluded—amongst them Lucretia Mott, Abby Kimber, Elizabeth Neal, and four others—from that time onwards determined to work for the enfranchisement of their sex.

Another great abolitionist to be honoured is Susan B. Anthony, who all her life stood for reform. She worked actively with Mrs. Stanton for the freeing of the slaves from 1850 onwards, and in 1861 took part in a wonderful anti-slavery campaign in the chief cities of the North, just after the election of President Lincoln. The opposition at the time was terrible, because the battle was nearly won. Opponents came to every meeting and clapped and roared and laughed so that no hearing could be obtained. How like, indeed, was the struggle for the emancipation of the slaves to that of the women to-day!

Miss Susan B. Anthony was an ardent Suffragist from the beginning, and went on with that aspect of her work with great determination after her first object had been attained.

"Forces which no power can stay."

Another of these great abolitionist women in America was Harriet Beecher Stowe. In the history of her epoch-making book "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which she prefaced to the work in one of the later illustrated editions, we get a glimpse of what this brave pioneer of freedom did for emancipation, an objective into which she put her very life. It is indeed "the precious life-blood of a martyr, embalmed and treasured up to a life beyond life." The incident which decided her to write the book shows how she followed an invincible and divine instinct. A sister writing to her terrible tales of the miseries of fugitive slaves wound up with the words: "Hatty, if I could use a pen as you can I would write something to make the whole nation feel what an accursed thing slavery is." Mrs. Stowe, stirred up to indignation, said: "I will write something; I will if I live." And she carried out her resolve, and by her marvellous book helped to free a whole race.

The tales of the flight of the unfortunate slaves in cruel winter weather to Canada supplied Mrs. Stowe with many graphic pictures in her book. One such incident must have struck her very much, and is specially interesting to those who are working to free women now. A party of fugitive slaves were caught. On their way to gaol they were followed by a jeering, insulting crowd. A young girl slave, Emily Edmonson, answered one of the crowd, who cried shame on her, that "she was proud that she and all the rest of them had made an effort for liberty."

Harriet Beecher Stowe's own words near the end of her preface seem to show that she foresaw with the eye of a prophet the coming struggle of her own sex when she wrote of her book: "The fervour which it inspired through the world was only one of a line of ripples marking the commencement of mighty rapids moving by forces which no human power could stay to an irresistible termination and towards human freedom."

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Great Rally in the Albert Hall, November 10.

Mrs. Pankhurst will take the chair at the great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, on Thursday evening, November 10, at 8 p.m., and among the speakers will be Mr. Israel Zangwill, whose witty speeches at suffrage meetings are all too rare a treat, and whose presence on the platform on that occasion will be looked forward to with the greatest interest. Another speaker will be Mr. Gerald Arbuthnot, M.P., a member of the Conciliation Committee, whose speech will therefore be both interesting and authoritative. As Parliament meets five days later the moment is one of exceptional importance, and those who wish to be present should lose no time in securing tickets. A large proportion of the Hall has already been appropriated, but seats can still be obtained (by members only for themselves or for friends) from Miss Cooke, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The prices are:—Amphitheatre stalls, 2s.; arena, 1s.; upper orchestra, 6d.; grand tier boxes (holding ten), 30s.; loggia (holding eight), 21s.; second tier boxes (holding five), 12s. 6d. The local W.S.P.U.'s have been given the first opportunity of taking up the grand tier boxes.

Two London Free Meetings.

All who are interested in the question of woman suffrage, especially at this critical time, are invited to the two weekly free meetings held in London on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Next Monday afternoon, October 17, the meeting at Queen's Hall, at 3 p.m., will be addressed by Lady Stout, Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence (on "The Vote and Wages"), and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in the chair. The Thursday evening meetings are being held during the autumn at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, which can be easily reached by Tube, train, or omnibus. The nearest stations on the Underground Railway are Farringdon Street and Blackfriars; on the Central London Tube, Chancery Lane. Omnibuses from Holborn or Fleet Street pass within a few doors. The next Thursday evening meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, and that on Thursday, October 27, by Mr. H. N. Brailsford.

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THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Campaign in Walthamstow and South Shields.

In two constituencies of the country the electors have a special opportunity to-day of showing their support of woman suffrage and of helping the women who have been fighting so hard to win their political emancipation for well-nigh 50 years.

In Walthamstow there is a by-election because Mr. Simon, K.C., has been appointed Solicitor-General, and has, therefore, according to Constitutional practice, to seek re-election. It will need hard work to pull down his majority of over 2,000; but there are close on 40,000 voters in the constituency, and the Women's Social and Political Union are already hard at work explaining to them the position.

That women who pay rates and taxes ought to be enfranchised is now almost a commonplace among the men as among the women of the country. Yet this proposition, embodied in the "Conciliation Bill," cannot get through the House of Commons because it is blocked by the Government. The electors want it passed; the M.P.'s want it passed, for they carried the second reading by a majority of 110 votes; but the Government are adamant. "No further time," they say, "shall be given for its discussion; the Bill shall not go through."

The electors of Walthamstow, if they want to check such arbitrary action on the part of the Government, have the remedy in their own hands. They must vote in such a way as to show their displeasure with the Government, and this they will do if they refuse to return Mr. Simon to Parliament. Mr. Simon is not merely a supporter of the Government; he is now a member of the Government itself, and therefore his exclusion will go a very long way towards making the Cabinet realise that their attitude is unpopular.

In South Shields the vacancy has occurred because of the election of Sir Wm. Robson to the Peerage as a law lord. Another Liberal candidate has been found in the person of Mr. Russell Rea. But the special interest of the fight centres in the possibility of a Labour candidate taking the field and a three-cornered contest resulting. If that be the case there is a very real chance of wiping out the large majority—over 4,000—by which the Liberal party held the seat at the last election.

Though Mr. Russell Rea is not a member of the Government, yet his return to Parliament as a Liberal will be taken as a sign that the electors of South Shields support the policy which the Government has pursued, and his exclusion will be a sign that the electors are dissatisfied with it. Therefore the W.S.P.U. is taking an active part in the contest in order to prove to the electors that a Government which cannot act justly in the case of women is not likely to act justly in the case of men.

South Shields.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms: 44, Fowler Street, South Shields.

Candidates:

Mr. Vaughan-Williams .....(U.)
Mr. Russell-Rea .....(L.)
Mr. Will Crooks (Probably)..(Lab.)

The figures at the General Election, 1910, were: Sir W. S. Robson, K.C. (L.), 9,090; R. E. L. V. Williams (L.U.), 4,854. Liberal majority, 4,236.

General Drummond (44, Fowler Street) is in charge of the campaign at South Shields, and will be glad to hear from any who can help. Miss Annie Williams, the Newcastle W.S.P.U. Organiser, is also at South Shields. Offers of help of all kinds will be welcomed.

Walthamstow.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms: 308, Hoe Street.

Candidates:

Mr. L. Stanley Johnson .....(U.)
Mr. J. A. Simon, K.C. .....(L.)

The figures at the General Election, 1910, were: J. A. Simon, K.C. (L.), 17,726; L. S. Johnson (C.), 15,531. Liberal majority, 2,195.

Miss Jessie Kenney is in charge of the campaign in Walthamstow. Excellent Committee Rooms have been secured in a central position, and a large number of workers are on the spot. The Committee Rooms are easily reached by train from Liverpool Street to Hoe Street, whence they are only two minutes' walk. The numerous meetings being held include at least two meetings for women in the afternoons, at the Lecture Hall, West Avenue, Walthamstow. The campaign opened on Saturday with a successful out-door meeting addressed by Mrs. Drummond and Miss Nancy Lightman, Miss Bertha Brewster in the chair, when the entire stock of VOTES FOR WOMEN was sold out. Another excellent meeting was held on Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening the first public meeting was addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst in Leyton Town Hall. Another meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, West Avenue, for women only yesterday, after we went to Press, when the Rev. Stanley B. James, minister of Trinity Congregational Church, was in the chair, and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield was the speaker.

A very active contingent of the Men's Political Union is also in the Constituency, the Committee Rooms being at 180, High Street. The first open-air meeting was held on Wednesday evening outside Walthamstow Station, and further meetings are being arranged, including one on Wednesday, October 19, at the Public Baths, Walthamstow, at 8 p.m. Both the M.P.U. and the W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms are a blaze of purple, white and green.

Out-door Meetings.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Church Hill, Walthamstow; Thornhill Road, Leyton; Leytonstone Station (Gt. Eastern); and Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Hoe Street Station; Wood Street, Walthamstow; "Green Man," Leytonstone; James Lane, Leyton; and Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17.—"The Bell," Hoe Street; North Twickenham Road, Leyton; Leytonstone Station (Gt. Eastern); and Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Markhouse Road, Walthamstow; Midland Road, Leyton; "Green Man," Leytonstone; Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Hoe Street Station; Thornhill Road, Leyton; Leytonstone Station (Great Eastern); Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20.—Church Hill, Walthamstow; James Lane, Leyton; "Green Man," Leytonstone; Highams Park, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22.—Procession, afternoon.

Indoor Meetings.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Leyton Town Hall, Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Margaret Cameron, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Conway Hall, Walthamstow, Miss Christabel Pankhurst; chair, Mrs. Massy, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Lecture Hall, West Avenue, Walthamstow (women only), 3 p.m.; Public Baths, Walthamstow, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Massy, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20.—Lecture Hall, West Avenue, Women only, Mrs. Massy, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21.—Leyton Town Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22.—Conway Hall, Walthamstow, Miss Margaret Cameron, Miss Decima Moore 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26.—Public Baths, Walthamstow, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28.—Public Baths, Walthamstow, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.; Leyton Town Hall, 8 p.m.

N.B. Women's Meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, in the Lecture Hall, West Avenue, Walthamstow, at 3 p.m. Women's Meetings will also be held in Woodford.

The great need is for workers and for the loan of motor cars (the latter are especially needed on Saturdays). Workers can help in a great variety of ways: if they cannot speak at meetings they can distribute literature, sell VOTES FOR WOMEN, and undertake work at the Committee Rooms.

Next Week we shall give some Facts for Electors.

WHERE THE RESOLUTION WILL BE PASSED.

"That this Meeting declares its support of the Woman Suffrage Bill, which has passed its second reading by 110 votes—a majority larger than that accorded to the Government's Veto Resolutions.

"The Meeting further calls upon the Government to bow to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives in the House of Commons, and to provide the facilities necessary to enable the Bill to pass into law before the end of this year."

An enormous number of meetings throughout the country, with the object of passing the resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities for the Conciliation Committee's Bill, are being held during October. Some of the more important of these include meetings to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst in the Onward Hall, Manchester, to-day; in the Assembly Rooms, New Brighton, next Tuesday, October 18; at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Birkenhead, next Wednesday, October 19; at Newport next Friday, October 21; in the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday, October 26; at Bath on Thursday, October 27; at Exeter on Friday, October 28, and at Falmouth on Saturday, October 29. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will address meetings at Leicester next Tuesday, October 18, and at Carnarvon on Wednesday, October 26. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak at the Press Club Dinner to-morrow evening, Saturday, October 15; at the Public Hall, West Norwood, next Friday, October 21, and at St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, on Saturday, October 22. Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence will speak at the Jubilee Hall, Bath, on October 20, and at Bristol on Friday, October 21.

"PAYING THE PIPER."

Hawick Town Council has resolved by eight votes to three to petition Parliament in favour of the Conciliation Bill. North Berwick Town Council has come to a similar decision by seven to two. Provost Macintyre, in moving that the Council petition in favour of the Bill, said that if they had been placed in the same position as the women they would have felt it very hard to have to pay taxes and yet have no voice in the spending of the money. Those who had to pay the piper should be allowed to call the tune.

POINTS FOR "ANTIS."

If any Anti-Suffragists still hold the opinion that women are lacking in courage, let them turn to the daily Press of last Tuesday morning, October 11, where they will find on one day alone four instances of woman's heroism. One comes from Winnipeg, where in the terrible forest fires, which constitute the greatest conflagration known for years, the women have behaved with great courage and devotion. While men were forcing their way into the relief trains, crushing under foot women and children, one woman stationed herself at the door of a car and attacked every man who attempted to board the train.

Another instance comes from Carmarthen, where a young woman named Davies, finding her little charge, a boy of six, had been bitten on the leg by an adder, promptly sucked the poison from the wound. The boy's leg and foot swelled enormously, and the doctor declared that, but for the nurse's prompt action, it was hardly likely the child's life could have been saved.

Then on Tuesday King George personally decorated a Yorkshire girl, Miss Hannah Hughill, of Great Busby, with the Edward Medal for conspicuous bravery displayed in September of last year, when she rescued her mother from the attacks of an infuriated bull on their farm. Miss Hughill is sixteen, and seeing her mother knocked down by the bull, which began to gore her, she rushed into the field, snatched a pitchfork from under the bull, and attacked the animal so vigorously that her mother was able to escape. Miss Hughill was telegraphed for to receive her medal, and was presented to the King at Marlborough House.

A further instance comes from Portugal, where two girls are said to be idolised by the 1st Artillery for splendid gallantry amongst the wounded of the barricades, under constant and heavy fire. Ermelinda Rosa Ignacia Antunes and Julia Garneiro are sixteen and seventeen respectively. When congratulated on her bravery, one of the girls said: "Senor, we had to help the poor fellows and the Republic."

TESTIMONIAL TO MRS. ELMY.

This fund has been going up steadily week by week, and has now reached a total of £163 5s. 9d. There is still time for those who wish to show their admiration of Mrs. Elmy's self-sacrificing work during so many years to send in contributions. These should be addressed to Mrs. Martindale, Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

WHAT ONE WOMAN CAN DO.

Every day brings its own evidence of how much one woman can do. It comes to our knowledge that during the last few weeks 506 copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN have been sold by one member of this Union who is a working woman; she takes situations as temporary servant or as caretaker, but she always manages to arrange her work so that she may be able to give a certain number of hours each week to selling the paper. Though often ailing, she never gives in. All honour to this devoted helper, whose service is all the more valuable because she is a widow entirely dependent upon her own earnings. It is this devotion and sense of responsibility which, multiplied in hundreds and thousands of our members, produces the results so astonishing to the public.

NEMESIS!

In reference to the special demonstration in the evening in connection with the arrangements for the annual meetings of the Welsh National Liberal Council to be held shortly at Mountain Ash, Mr. Lloyd George has written to Mr. Walter H. Hughes, the secretary of the Council, stipulating that it shall be a man's meeting. The Committee has therefore rescinded a resolution passed that ladies tickets should, under certain restrictions, be issued, and women are to be excluded from the meeting.

It is stated that there is considerable difficulty in persuading local ladies to entertain the members of the Welsh National Liberal Council, owing to the Chancellor's decision.

A protest is being circulated among members of the Liberal Christian League in view of the forthcoming annual demonstration next Monday, at which Mr. Lloyd George is the principal speaker. The protest points out that since the Chancellor was first asked to be chief speaker certain events have occurred in connection with the Woman Suffrage movement in which he has taken a prominent part. As members of the League, the protesters are of opinion that in view of his former speeches Mr. Lloyd George has betrayed the women's cause both in the Conciliation Bill debates and in subsequent speeches. They therefore hold it to be unsuitable that the League should be asked to accept him as speaker, and they accordingly invite members to abstain from attending the meeting to be addressed by Mr. Lloyd George. The signatories are:—C. Despard, Catherine Holiday, Winifred Holiday, Beatrice Harraden, Lilian Hicks, and Kate Hessel.

Every political agent will tell you that it is the women who really count in an election; once win them over and you'll get the men's votes. So that, after all, the point at issue in the Suffrage movement would seem to be simply this: whether the power which women have indisputably exercised in the world all along is or is not to be exercised for the future, directly as well as indirectly.—*Bristol Times and Mirror.*

KEEP ON FIGHTING!

Another scene of great enthusiasm was presented at Queen's Hall last Monday afternoon, when hundreds of women and many men gathered to show their determination to get the Conciliation Committee's Bill passed.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst (in the chair) referred to the rumours of a General Election. The Suffragettes, she said, were quite prepared, even if the election should come "like a thief in the night." Meanwhile there was plenty to do in fighting the Government in two by-elections—viz., South Shields and Walthamstow. Every day letters came to Clements Inn from volunteers for a deputation to Westminster. Women were promising to give this help to the cause who would not have dreamt of giving similar help before. "You must be for us or against us; you must be ready to back up your convictions by action. You have been very good to the fighters in this movement. You have come to hear them speak, you have praised them, and you have applauded them, and now we say the time has come to give them the sincerest flattery—that of imitation."

Dr. E. D. Kirby, who had a tremendously enthusiastic reception in recognition of his splendid championship of the women who underwent the hunger strike and forcible feeding in Winson Green Gaol, told the audience how and why he became a supporter of the Woman Suffrage cause. About five years ago his attention was drawn by the newspapers to the actions of the Suffragettes, actions very much reprobated at the time as something new and disgraceful. It appeared to him that at last women had wakened to the fact that if they wished to be politically noticed they must make themselves politically noticeable, and he watched their actions with a great deal of sympathy. Soon afterwards he attended a meeting in the Birmingham Town Hall, when the behaviour of certain students was so disgraceful that he went home sad and ashamed of Birmingham, ashamed of the University, and ashamed of his sex. This made him think, and he argued to himself in the following syllogism:—

"First, that we live here under a democratic Constitution, therefore it must be to the advantage of the nation that as many educated and intelligent people as possible should take an interest and express an interest in politics; and, secondly, that you cannot express a practical interest in politics without the Vote, therefore it must be to the advantage of the nation that women, as intelligent and educated persons, should have the vote on the same terms as men. Q.E.D.!

Proceeding to touch upon the subject of forcible feeding, Dr. Kirby exhibited the various instruments used and explained the process. He hoped that the last had been heard of the hunger strike; it was a shock to the conscience of the nation that it was possible, in this twentieth century, for political opponents to be tortured for political offences.

Finally, Dr. Kirby said: "Keep on fighting! Your victory is certain. I believe it is near. But whether it is near or far, be sure that fighting is good for you."

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in a deeply moving speech, quoted instances which showed that at the root of opposition to the woman's movement is the subjection of womanhood. To her question: "Aren't you thankful that we have got a militant movement?" there was an instant and heartfelt response.

"Is it not a disgrace that we have to go to those members of Parliament and plead with them about this Conciliation Bill? Why should we have to plead with them? Why should we have to argue and show reasons why women want the vote? Let us have done with argument; let us come to action. Let us stand up like those men in Portugal, and let us win our freedom by our own determination to be free. We will give them these few weeks, but when Parliament meets, if that Bill is not passed there will be no more nonsense. We will take up militant action. I call upon every woman in this audience who has any self-respect; I call upon every woman here who has not the slave blood in her veins; I call upon every one who wants to see this stigma and this humiliation removed from our sex to send in her name at once for the deputation in November. Revolt alone can save us from the shame of subjection. It is a purifying fire that we must go through to wash out the stain of our bondage. We are no more slaves; we are no longer to be humiliated; we stand up and fight for freedom and fight for honour! Our honour we will win, or in the attempt we are ready to die. Anything is better than life with dishonour; anything is better than this stigma placed upon us by exclusion from the commonwealth. We will end it; we will end it ourselves, and stand up as free human beings, equal in our humanity with our brothers."

AN M.P. ADVISES REBELLION.

Speaking to the delegates of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, Mr. W. Bruce, M.P., said that if the Government could not, or would not, amend the law as it remained after the Osborne judgment, then he would advise them to spend their money at the next General Election regardless of consequences. If they had to create a rebellion to get simple justice done they would have to become rebels.

ENTHUSIASTIC DUBLIN.

The *Irish Times* thus reports Mrs. Pankhurst's Meeting in Dublin on October 4.

"Mrs. Pankhurst, the leader of the militant Suffragists, last night addressed a meeting held at the Palace Skating Rink, Rathmines. It was probably the largest gathering ever assembled in Dublin in connection with the woman suffrage cause. The extensive floor of the rink was almost wholly occupied, the majority present being, of course, ladies. It may be assumed that a large proportion of the vast audience were in sympathy with the demand for the franchise, for the only manifestations of disagreement came from a small band of young men, who had grouped themselves at the back of the hall. For the rest, they gave frequent and hearty expressions of approval and endorsement of the speaker's propositions. Many among the audience, indeed, exhibited keen enthusiasm, as well over the defence of militancy as over the principles of the main question. At the conclusion of the address Mrs. Pankhurst was presented with a bouquet.

"The meeting was held under the auspices of the Irish Women's Suffrage League, and the arrangements were excellent. The already attractive decorations of the building were supplemented by the special insignia, as it were, of the movement, and it was noticed that the colours adopted were orange and green, and that in the designs and inscriptions Celtic art forms were tastefully used.

"Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington, who presided, stated that the League is independent of English organisation, but that the members associated themselves with the militant policy of the advanced English Suffragists. The list of apologies announced by the President included sympathetic messages from Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P., Mr. Nannetti, M.P., and Mr. W. B. Yeats; and also a letter from Mr. G. B. Shaw, regretting that he had to return to England, as he would like to have borne testimony to the long campaign of public work by which Mrs. Pankhurst gained the friendship and admiration of all the most earnest and advanced workers in the cause of labour, and qualified herself to take the lead in the struggle for the emancipation of women when the need arose for such a labourer. Among those on the platform were: Professor T. M. Kettle, M.P., Alderman Dr. McWalter (Deputy Lord Mayor), Professor C. H. Oldham, Mrs. Oldham, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Tickell, Miss Carson, Miss Webb, Mrs. Palmer, and Mr. W. Kingsley Tarpey.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Address.

"Mrs. Pankhurst, who was enthusiastically received, commenced her address by moving the following resolution:—

That this meeting emphatically endorses the claims of women to the Parliamentary Franchise, and calls upon the Liberal Government to give full facilities for the passing into law this year of Mr. Shackleton's Bill, which has already passed its second reading by a larger majority than was obtained by any other measure of this session.

"Before speaking to the resolution Mrs. Pankhurst said she wished to offer her sincerest thanks and congratulations to the Irish Women's Franchise League on the success that the woman's suffrage movement had already obtained in Dublin. The result of the vote in the Dublin Corporation the previous day was evidence that a great deal of earnest self-sacrificing work must have been done before the fathers of the city came to the conclusion that it was politic and expedient and wise and necessary to pass a resolution in support of the Women's Suffrage Bill. The City of Dublin had followed very quickly indeed the example set by the City of Glasgow."

A full report of the speech follows, ending thus:—

"If Mr. Asquith did finally harden his heart against them and refuse the time to put the Bill through its final stages in the coming session then they should have to take up their weapons again as they did before, exercising the only right they had of standing at the doors of the people's House of Commons, as it ought to be, and they would remain there until they got satisfaction or until they were removed by force. The names of volunteers were constantly pouring in, and Dublin was supplying its quota. It was being realised that the English women's fight was the Irish women's fight also. To those present she appealed to make what sacrifices they could in this fight.

"Alderman Dr. McWalter seconded the resolution. He was there, he said, representing the Lord Mayor, to welcome Mrs. Pankhurst to Dublin. He had called upon the town clerk that day with the request that he should forward to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary the resolution which had been passed by the Corporation the previous day, with the request that they should give it their best attention. (Hear, hear.)

"The President put the resolution. There were a *few* 'Noes' at the back of the hall. She declared the resolution carried. The resolution, she said, would be sent to the four members of the City of Dublin and to Captain Cooper. Captain Cooper did not think that the women of South Dublin had sufficient intellect to cast a vote for a Parliamentary candidate. She hoped the women would refuse to support a Parliamentary candidate who considered that women ought to be ranked with lunatics, criminals, etc.

"On the motion of Professor Kettle, M.P., seconded by Mrs. Earle, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Pankhurst for her address, and the proceedings then terminated."

A correspondent writes:—"Mrs. Pankhurst was sublime. There was plenty of applause, but at times she was listened to in a deep hush that was more eloquent than any applause."

[Reports of the Belfast, Dundalk and Derry meetings are held over.]

NOTES BY A PAPER-SELLER.

If you are sick or sad or sorry turn to the Suffragette; if you have lost your way, in London or in life, turn to the Suffragette; if you are a stranger in a strange land, if the biby's teeth do make 'im fret somethink orfle, or if you desire to found a new religion, turn to the Suffragette; if the missus 'as to go to the 'orspitle to-morrer, if you are a colonist paying a visit for the first time to the Mother Country, or if the coppers is comin', missus, turn to the Suffragette; if you have just come out of prison, if you have outgrown your childhood's creed and are now going through your forty days in the wilderness, or if you have found a 'ole slice of 'am that'll be fillin' for the children among your twopennyworth of scraps left by the Covent Garden porters on their plates in the eating-house, still do not hesitate, but turn to the Suffragette. Make straight for the woman that you see standing at the same corner day after day selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. The instinct is a true one which tells you that whatever she herself may or may not be, the movement she represents stands for whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, above all for whatsoever things are helpful to humanity as a whole.

We Suffragettes are all dimly aware that this movement of ours is infinitely splendid and awe-inspiring, but, short of going to prison, I venture to think that nothing brings its greatness home to us nobodies of the rank and file so much as standing in the gutter selling papers. The passers-by bear such eloquent testimony, all unconsciously, to the spirit of self-sacrifice that has moved the members of our Union in the past, they look forward with such perfect confidence to what our women are going to do in the future, that we are filled with exultation and a sense of thankfulness to be in the midst of it all. Meanwhile there passes before us, like a pageant, this life of London which we have made so terrible for the poor and the weak, and we see that great as is the need of the woman for the help of the State, it is as nothing compared with the need of the State for the help of the woman.

And, as the Suffragette stands watching it all, hour after hour, day after day, week after week, the words of St. Peter often leap involuntarily to her lips, "Master, it is good for us to be here."

AGNES A. KELLY.

PAGEANT AT BRISTOL.

The W.S.P.U. shop at 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, is a hive of busy workers, preparing for the Pageant of Great Women on November 5. The need of the moment is for volunteers to take the parts of the various characters, and offers are invited. Volunteers should communicate at once with the Hon. Sec., Miss A. M. Walters, 129, Redland Road, Bristol. Miss Edith Craig is organising the pageant, and Miss Olive Terry and Miss Cicely Hamilton (the author) will be among those taking principal parts. Tickets should be applied for at once.

"I AM A DEMOCRAT."

Mr. Charles Trevelyan delivered an address and presented the prizes to students of Morley College on October 5. He opened by paying a glowing tribute to Miss Cons, who was on the platform, and who, he said, was one of his most enthusiastic supporters when he used to come to Lambeth as a candidate for Parliament. A member of the Men's Political Union waited until the close of the speech and asked the chairman if he might ask a question. The answer was "No, certainly not."

Mr. Trevelyan during his speech said: "I am a democrat, and I will tell you why: because I am in favour of every man in the land having the power to exercise his judgment, and he can get that power if he wants it."

WOMEN AS HEALTH MISSIONARIES.

A second health caravan has been sent out by the Women's Imperial Health Association to tour the Eastern Counties. It is manned entirely by women, and a woman doctor delivers the health lectures. The van is called "The Florence Nightingale."

Hearty congratulations to Miss Barr, one of the staff at the dairy farm described in a recent number of VOTES FOR WOMEN, who has been successful at the milking contest at the Agricultural Show, London, having taken fourth place for milking. Miss Barr wears the W.S.P.U. badge during the competition, and had the good wishes of many members of the Union.

MR. HALDANE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

In the course of his tour in his constituency Mr. Haldane was frequently questioned on the subject of Woman Suffrage.

At Tranent five questions were put. The first (sent up on paper by one of his constituents) was: Is not the majority in the Cabinet in favour of Woman Suffrage, and if so, why does the majority allow itself to be overruled by a reactionary minority? To this Mr. Haldane replied that he greatly admired his colleagues for giving the House an opportunity for a full discussion of a Woman Suffrage measure.

Miss Burns then asked: If Mr. Haldane admires his colleagues for giving the Conciliation Bill a second reading, is he not in favour of granting it a third reading?

Mr. Haldane said, as they knew, he himself was and always had been in favour of Women's Suffrage. When a Bill was agreed upon which was free from some defects which beset the Conciliation Bill, then he thought the time would come for seeing whether the House of Commons was as really in favour of Women's Suffrage as some of them hoped it was.

Miss Haig asked: Since the Government believe that the will of the people as expressed by their representatives should prevail, why did they not give further facilities to the Conciliation Bill, which on its second reading won a large majority from the representatives of the people?

Mr. Haldane: As for that majority, it was questionable if it indicated support of the Bill in view of the much greater—the overwhelming—majority with which it was decided to keep the Bill in Committee of the whole House. These were very technical matters of Parliamentary procedure, but it is a fact that to send the Bill upstairs to Grand Committee was the safe and natural way to deal with it. When, in spite of that, the members decided on the other course, it seemed that they themselves did not wish it to proceed further this session.

Miss Haig: How do you reconcile that with your statement during the debate that to keep the Bill in Committee of the whole House would not necessarily involve any delay in its becoming law?

Mr. Haldane: Yes, I said so, and it is true. It would not delay it if the House really wanted the Bill carried. If they did not want it, then we knew where we stood.

Miss Burns asked: Does not the Government allot the time of the House; and if they are given no time for the discussion of a Woman Suffrage Bill, how is it possible for them to carry it?

No answer was given.

The audience was very friendly to the Suffragettes, and at the close insisted on a speech outside the hall from the women who had put questions.

At East Linton.

Speaking the following evening at East Linton Mr. Haldane spoke at some length on the question:—

There had been a great awakening of interest in politics among women. He connected that awakening very much with the fact that they were entering on the era when social reform was the most important thing in political programmes. There were people who said it was quite right to admit women to a certain share in public affairs; it was quite right to give them education; it was quite right to open the professions; but these people thought women must not let their entrance into public affairs take them further than the school boards, or perhaps the parish council—or maybe nowadays the county councils—and they must draw the line. But his answer was—that kind of argument came much too late. Both the great political parties had invited ladies to take their full share in every department of Imperial politics, whether it concerned the Army, the Navy, social problems, or the great questions of far-reaching importance concerning our relations with other countries in foreign affairs; the intervention of women and their expression of opinion were called for, and they were invited to organise. It was too late to argue that they could draw the line anywhere. That, at least, was his view; and therefore he had always been himself, and was now, a firm believer in this—that before long this country would take the lead in extending the franchise to women. (Cheers.) He thought it would do so, and that it ought to do so. It was a question in which the women felt they were being deprived of a right, that they were being wronged by being excluded.

Suffragists and Nagging Wives.

The women would have to work and influence public opinion. He was sometimes asked how that was to be done. It was much more easy to say how it was not to be done. There were, he was afraid, foolish women as well as wise ones. Some of them were not very skilful at managing men. If there was a man who was well disposed to them—sentimentally attracted by the Suffragists—who would really willingly help them on, what did they do? They frightened him away from any closer alliance. The dread of a nagging wife was frequently made a real terror by some of the experiences of politicians who were in favour of Woman Suffrage, and who had them coming to meetings and saying: "Why did you not force the House of Commons to pass this measure?"—like the wife who said: "Why did you not bring home double the amount of money you did yesterday?" or "Why did you stay out all the evening?" These were the ways in which people were frightened away. But they were not concerned, in a great cause, with the mistakes that were made by what was, after all, a minority. He thought this cause had in it what would carry it on. Everywhere there was the evidence of the intervention of women in public life becoming more and more a reality, and the final consequence could not be long delayed. People said: "Where will you draw the line?" He would not draw the line by any Act of Parliament; he left it to Nature to draw it. Nature would draw it very well. (Applause.)

At Haddington.

On Saturday, at Haddington, no questions were called for; but Bailie Patterson (who moved the vote of thanks) prefaced his remarks by submitting a few questions.

The Chairman said the first question was, What were the defects of the Conciliation Bill of which Mr. Haldane had spoken on Thursday?

Mr. Haldane repeated what he had stated at East Linton on the previous evening with regard to the Suffragists. It was not by nagging their best friends, he said, that they would get them to go further. He did not think he should be improving the relations between the ladies who put these questions if he answered the question on the Conciliation Bill. Let them meditate on it. (Laughter.) It would never make things better for the husband if he were to point out the particular points on which his wife might be a little more agreeable than she was. (Laughter.) He thought these things were best left to private meditation. (Laughter and cheers.)

A young woman in the audience said, as an old constituent of Mr. Haldane as Lord Rector of the University, she wished to put a question. They were coming to him for bread, and he only gave them beautifully polished stones. If he was not fond of the Conciliation Bill, of what Bill would he approve? Was he prepared to do anything whatever to give them the vote, and not only to give them his sympathy?

Mr. Haldane: I gave you my vote and my speech in the House of Commons, and I think that was something.

M.P.'S QUESTIONED.

A deputation of Suffragists, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Miss Thacker, and Miss Dorothy Evans, waited upon Mr. Cooper at the Walsall Unionist Club last Friday. Miss Evans explained that the object of the deputation was to ask Mr. Cooper to clear up certain doubts as to his action in voting against sending the Conciliation Committee's Bill to a Grand Committee, after having voted for its second reading. If he were a friend of the Bill would he now give his name to the Conciliation Committee as wishing for further facilities? Mr. Cooper said that while believing that it would be a breach of faith not to support the Bill, since he approved of the municipal franchise for women, he was yet strongly opposed to any further extension of the franchise in that direction, as the women would eventually outvote the men by several millions. (On this point Mr. Cooper subsequently agreed that he had been under a misapprehension.) The burden of responsibility rested upon the Prime Minister, for, to the best of his own belief, the Bill could be put through this Session. On being asked what he was now prepared to do, Mr. Cooper replied that to be quite frank he had not thought of doing anything. In reply to Dr. Layton, Mr. Cooper agreed that the shelving of Bills which had a majority was an antiquated system, and that the delay was a scandal. He undertook to send an answer in three days as to whether he would give his name to the Conciliation Bill.

Similar questions were asked at Mr. Stewart Wortley's Sheffield meeting. He replied that he would do all in his power to gain facilities for the Conciliation Bill, and that he had voted for the Bill going to a committee of the whole House because he saw no reason why it should not be passed by that method, as no time would really be gained by sending it to a Grand Committee, and he thought the question too important for the whole House to be deprived of an opportunity of discussing it.

A question was also put to Mr. Steele Maitland, M.P., by a gentleman at the Cutlers' Hall, asking him why he voted against a Suffrage Bill for Women, since he came to a Primrose League gathering to urge them to take part in politics? The question caused a good deal of consternation on the platform, and was not replied to.

Our readers will be interested to know that letters on the Conciliation Committee's Bill appeared in the *Daily News* and *Manchester Guardian* from Mr. Brailsford, and in the *Daily Chronicle* from Mr. Nevinson, last Tuesday.

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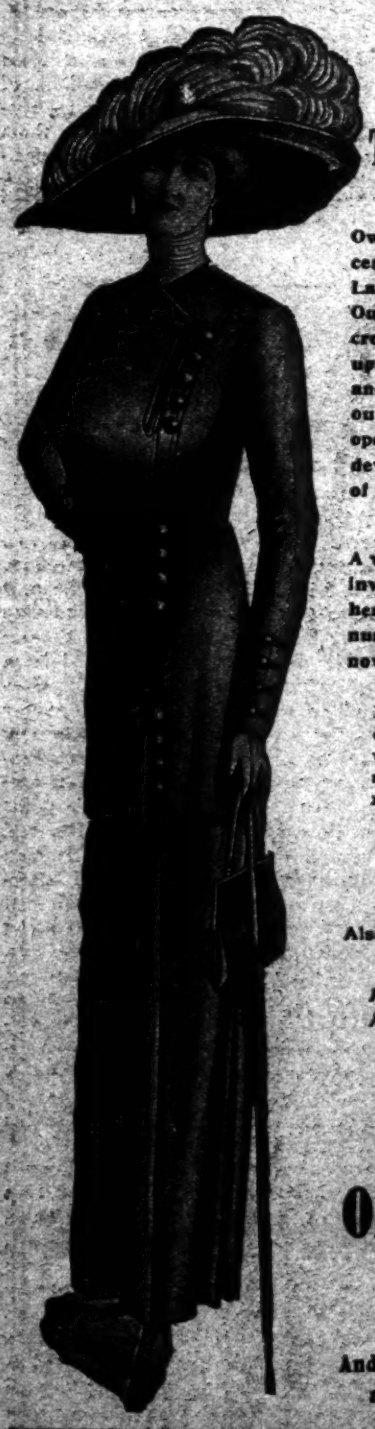

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I had come to the end of a long day, and had entered a shop with the intention of making my last call. I was very tired, and had meant to hurry home; but, somehow, the two figures who advanced towards me on my inquiry for the mistress of the house arrested my attention, and made me desirous of hearing something more than the bare answer to the question I was about to put.

The elder was a bright little woman about fifty years old, I should say, though the deep lines imprinted on her face made her look older than her years. The younger woman who held on to her so dependently was, apparently, only in her twenties, but the bent and weak body had lost the look of youth.

Once I had expressed my sympathy with the daughter it was easy for the mother to tell me the rest of the story.

"Do I want the vote? Rather! Look at my girl! If you ladies had thrown stones and smashed windows thirty years ago perhaps my girl would have been well and strong now like other girls. You see, thirty years ago a young married woman hadn't the courage and backbone your movement has put into the youngsters of to-day.

"When I started my married life I believed we were being united to live the rest of our lives together for mutual help and comfort. But I had not been long married before I began to see what a miserable farce the marriage service was in a case like mine. We managed very well for the first year or two. Our home was not all we could desire, so we set to work: he with overtime (for he was only a journeyman then) and I with dressmaking, until between us we had gathered quite a nice little home.

"It was when he started as his own master, through a relative of mine lending him some money, that the trouble began. He made acquaintance with a billiard-playing set in the neighbourhood, and within a few months he was both playing and drinking hard. It was then that my girl was born—a poor, puny babe, with hands and feet all twisted, the result of the rheumatic fever, from which I was just recovering.

"I found I could not work, and he was spending so much that I could scarcely keep the home going on what he allowed me. When the doctor urged him to have the child attended to and sent away to the sea, where six months would have set her right, he said he could not afford it, although it would not have cost as much as he spent weekly on his own selfish indulgence. I was helpless, for I was on the way with another little one, and from that time forward, although I have borne him ten children, I never have had one farthing for clothing for them or myself unless I fought for it. Every time I wanted clothes for my children I let them go as long as I possibly could, for by this time my husband was drunk twice every day. He would go out for orders in the morning, finish with drink and billiards, and then come home at about four o'clock, eat his dinner, though quite drunk, go to sleep, then get up and do several hours' work, and then start out again about ten o'clock, and would not arrive home until any time between one and three in the morning.

"I never asked for anything for myself and the children without feeling his cruel blows for my pains, and many a night this child and myself have crouched in a neighbour's doorway, afraid of our lives to go into the house (for he hated his daughter because he had to keep her).

"Why didn't I leave him? How could I? He only laughed in my face when I said I would. What was to become of my children? He knew I loved them more dearly than my own life, and had I left his home, he would have taken the children from me.

"Now I am worn out, and my daughter will never be able to work. My husband is now broken in health beyond recovery, a bankrupt, and we have only the poorhouse as a refuge, after such a life as I wish I could think no other woman had endured.

"But I know only too surely that there are thousands of women, each in their own way, who are enduring just such a martyrdom as mine and just because we women have no power to demand that the laws shall be equal, alike for the man and the woman. I say 'God bless you and all the plucky women who are working with you to-day.'

"I know, and thousands of others know that it is not only for the vote you are asking, but that every woman, whoever she may be, may have the chance of making the best of life—and then I know that such stories as mine will never need to be told."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Getting of Wisdom." By Henry Handel Richardson. London: Heineman. 6s. net.

"The Life of Cobden." By Viscount Morley. London: Nelson and Son, Ltd. 1s. net.

"Twentieth Century Magazine." October. Boston: Twentieth Century Co. 25 cents.

"Travel Handbook and Calendar, 1911." By Sir Henry Lunn, M.D. Continental Travel, Ltd.

"Queen of the Earth." By Napier Hawke. London: Drane, Ltd. 1s. net.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE WEEK.

It is an interesting sign of the times that on the title page of the *Westminster Review** for October the word "Women" occurs three times, and three articles are devoted to the discussion of the Woman's Movement in its various aspects. "The Enfranchisement of Women," by H. B. Matthews, takes the form of an open letter to Mr. Lloyd George. "In the name of Democracy you have levelled a blow," says the writer to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "at Liberalism, Freedom, Progress, and Democracy itself."

An article on "The Position of Women in Arthurian Romance," by C. Olivia Orde-Ward, takes a new and interesting point of view. She lays stress on the fact that chivalry was not merely upheld as a moral principle, but enforced as a law, the breaking of which might cost the offender his life. King Arthur charged his Order of the Round Table "always to do ladies, damosels and gentlemen succour upon pain of death." When Sir Garvaise, by accident, killed a lady who intervened between him and her husband, the strong indignation of the King, Queen and Court was aroused. "As he had offended against a woman, it was deemed just that he should receive his verdict from a jury of women." Says Miss Orde-Ward:—

> It will be admitted from this instance, which I have quoted, that Arthurian women possessed rights that even now are denied to their sex of the present day. For the women of this country have no voice in our modern courts of law.

The third article, "Should Women Work for Their Living," by Margarita Tates, opens with the statement: "There is no country in the world where, under certain circumstances, women are treated with greater cruelty than in England." It is an appeal to fathers to make provision for the daughters of the family.

A USEFUL HANDBOOK.†

"Woman and Marriage" is a handbook containing practical advice to woman on the management of the body with the view of obtaining health and happiness. It is written by Mrs. Stephens, with the help of her husband, who is presumably a medical man, and with the encouragement and assistance of well-known women and men physicians, including Dr. Mary Scharlieb and Dr. L. Martindale. Mrs. S. A. Barnett, in an introductory preface, writes that the task of the author "has been undertaken with deep earnestness of purpose, and because the need of telling her sisters simple sex facts had been brought within her experience by knowledge of some cases of unintentional sin and unmerited suffering." Chapter XVI, dealing in careful detail with the care of the mother, and XVII., dealing with the care of the baby immediately after birth, should prove especially instructive and helpful to those health visitors who are co-operating with local authorities in the campaign against infant mortality.

The writer pleads in the opening chapter, entitled "The Wisdom of a Child," for greater frankness and simplicity in meeting the questions asked by children, prompted by a natural and wholesome curiosity, as to the how, when and wherefore of their own and of every other existence. She says:—

> That we should leave our children to pick up their information about the most sacred, the most profound and vital of all human functions from the mere gutter, and learn to know it first from the lips of ignorance and vice seems almost incredible.

Many a mother has proved the truth of the following statement: "A child . . . is eminently capable of the most sensitive, affectional, and serene appreciation of what sex means." And most women, whether they be mothers or not, know, from their own experience, that the mind of an innocent child, by some natural process of its own, turns truth into beauty. Happy are those parents who are pure enough in heart to be able to speak the truth to their own children.

The great responsibility of the mother is pointed out, and the spiritual as well as the material relationship emphasised in passages such as the following:—

> It is a grave thought that the child who is gathering life from its mother's life, the new spirit on which she is grafting her own spirit, is a future power for good or for evil. Woman has been the cradle of the human race down through all the ages, and just what that race will be depends in a very responsible degree on each and every woman of this and of future generations.

When such a supremely vital mission is entrusted to the woman, how passing strange are the laws of men which seem to place woman in a category lower than that of the fully developed and responsible human being, and to reduce her to the political status of the criminal and the lunatic.

AN APPEAL TO MEN.

We have just had placed in our hands a spirited brochure produced by the Men's Political Union, calling upon men to take an active part in helping women to get the vote. It is published by the Men's Political Union Press, 13, Buckingham Street, W.C., price 1d., and is written by the energetic secretary, Mr. Victor Duval. We recommend it to our readers, who can obtain it from the Woman's Press.

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What makes a revolution? A revolution is the catastrophe that follows upon an obstinate attempt on the part of the powers of Government to stop the working of life's great law of evolution.

What are the forces that direct the law of evolution? They are the forces of certain ideas that take hold of the conscience of the people.

There are three great main ideas round which all the revolutions, all the struggles of the people for freedom and progress, have ranged themselves.

These three main ideas are:—

1. The right of the taxed to be represented in the legislative assembly of the nation.

2. The right of the individual to life, including the right to earn daily bread.

3. The right of human beings, as human beings, to be treated as persons, and not as property.

These three ideas have been the evolutionary forces that have made history, but often they have proved the disruptive forces that have unmade kings and governments.

The first principle—the right of the taxed to be represented—has been vindicated by wars and revolutions again and again in the history of the Western world and in the history of the British people. It was vindicated, for example, by the barons who took up arms and forced King John at the point of the sword to give his signature to Magna Charta. It led to the Civil Wars of 1649, culminating in the execution of Charles I. It was the battle cry of the American "rebels" in the War of Independence.

The second principle—the right to earn daily bread—has induced strike riots and bread riots innumerable, and has found expression quite recently in the streets of Berlin, and is the cause of the railway trouble in Paris at the present time.

The third principle—the right of human beings to be treated as persons, not property—was notably vindicated in the United States in 1860-64 at the cost of civil convulsion and a tragic war.

Every one of these three great ideas is to be found in the woman's agitation for the vote. Every one of these ideas has taken hold of the conscience of awakened womanhood, and set in motion the law of evolution. Let those in high places take heed before they set themselves to check the working of the forces of evolution, for if they carry their opposition to extremes they will be broken by the forces of revolution, as kings and governments have been broken again and again in the past.

Women demand the vote because as taxpayers they have *the right to be represented in the Legislature.* They have as much right as the followers of John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell had, to insist that "the granting of supplies" shall be conditional upon the "redress of grievances." And they are equally justified in enforcing that right to the point of rebellion. The advocacy of "payment of members," as a question of urgent practical politics, has brought home to women afresh the unconstitutional nature of the Government's refusal to give them the vote. That women should be forced by the arbitrary decree of a purely male electorate to maintain men's representatives in Parliament, is utterly and entirely unjust. Such a levy upon their property and earnings is as fundamentally illegal as the levy of ship money which was imposed by an arbitrary king upon his subjects without their consent, and it will be resisted both passively and actively as the unconstitutional action of Charles I. was resisted, though women's methods of resistance are far milder than those of men.

Women demand the vote because they have *the right to earn their daily bread.* And that right is being constantly interfered with by laws which they have no part in making. We in this Union do not take up the position that special industrial legislation for women is undesirable. On the contrary, it may be very desirable. Working men who have forced industrial legislation by the power of the vote rose in revolt again and again against industrial legislation imposed upon them by arbitrary decree of their rulers.

Industrial legislation imposed upon voteless women by their arbitrary rulers is gross legal tyranny. The vote being denied, revolt is the only possible method of protesting against great and grievous wrong.

Women demand the vote because they have *the right as human beings to be treated as persons, not as property.* The British law denies them this right. The law is based upon the theory that women are property and not persons. A curious illustration of this fact may be found in the legal decision that hampers the married woman in any kind of business enterprise she may wish to undertake independently of her husband. Business firms will not enter into a contract with her, because a married woman cannot be imprisoned for breach of contract. This law, in reality most disadvantageous to women, has been quoted by Anti-Suffragists, who so sadly lack the sense of humour, as one of those laws enacted in our favour. Why cannot a married woman be imprisoned for breach of contract? Because the person of the woman is the property of her husband, and the courts have decided that "his property is not (for another person's debts, even though the other person is his wife) to be taken from him by the imprisonment of his wife."

The English law has never recognised and does not to-day recognise a woman as a fully developed human being with ordinary human rights. It never will until women, by means of the vote, can help to make the laws that they obey.

But the hour has struck. Something is going to happen, and that soon. Woman has outlived the days of her servitude. She has outgrown and outworn her bonds. If they are not loosened now, she will burst them. Evolution or Revolution! Which is it to be? That is the question that is up against the Government. It is for them to make the choice that other governments in other days have been forced to make. Will they stand with the wise, or fall with the obstinate? Theirs is the responsibility. Theirs is the decision. Ours to ask the question. Theirs to answer it. Evolution or Revolution?

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

WHY WE OPPOSE THE LIBERAL CANDIDATES.

By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.

The by-elections at Walthamstow and at South Shields give a much-needed opportunity of bringing pressure to bear upon the Government. Far more effective than any number of ordinary propaganda meetings will be a determined and united opposition by the Suffrage Societies to the Government nominees in these elections. Such opposition may well have the effect of procuring a promise from the Government that facilities shall be given for the Woman Suffrage Bill when Parliament re-assembles. Unless that promise is forthcoming, the Women's Social and Political Union will pursue to the end their campaign against the Liberal candidates in both these contests.

The case which we have to submit to the electors is a very clear and a very strong one. The Woman Suffrage Bill, though endorsed by the majority of the House of Commons, is blocked because the Government have imposed their veto upon it. From all over the country the demand has come that this veto shall be removed, but the Government have so far ignored it. But they can hardly afford to ignore public opinion as expressed through the ballot box, and the loss of these two present critical by-elections will do more than anything else to impress upon them the urgency of settling the Woman Suffrage question. We are appealing, therefore, to the electors of South Shields and Walthamstow to reject the Government nominees unless before polling day arrives a definite assurance has been given that the Government will leave the House of Commons free to carry the Woman Suffrage Bill in the Autumn Session.

This appeal is directed especially to the Liberal electors and is based strictly upon Liberal principles. In the first place, the Woman Suffrage Bill itself is a recognition of the Liberal doctrine that the people are entitled to tax and govern themselves. It breaks down the barrier which has hitherto excluded an entire sex from the rights and dignities of citizenship. Although it is of moderate scope (giving votes to about a million women only, as compared with seven and a-half million male electors), it is, notwithstanding the attack upon it in certain quarters, entirely democratic in its application. That is to say, it completes the system of Household Suffrage first established in 1867 and afterwards extended by Gladstone in 1884. During all these years we have not had Household Suffrage in the full sense because the women householders have been disfranchised, and the present Bill will remedy the omission by giving these householders the vote.

The statement made by Mr. Lloyd George and other Ministers that the Bill is undemocratic has been proved to be without foundation. There are statistics to show that of the million women enfranchised, more than 82 per cent. are working women. Plural voting by women has been made virtually impossible by the provisions of the Bill, which in deference to the wish of Liberal politicians, excludes women from the Ownership Franchise, the Lodger Franchise and the University Franchise. In short, every reasonable objection raised by Liberals has been fully and freely met by the promoters of the Bill, and those Members of the Government who oppose it on the plea that it is undemocratic are showing themselves to be in fact opponents of the whole principle of women's enfranchisement.

Its supporters contend that this Bill, apart from being approved by the House of Commons, is the only Bill which would be so approved. A less democratic measure would lose advanced Liberal and Labour support—a more extensive measure would lose the support of Moderate Liberals and of Unionists. What is quite as important, the Bill is supported by those chiefly concerned—the women themselves. The uncompromising attitude adopted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other Members of the Government who profess that the Bill does not go far enough to please them would mean the wreck of all measures of reform. Had politicians adopted this attitude in the past we should not to-day have had upon the Statute Book any of the Franchise Acts which give the vote to men, nor any of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, nor the Education Act, nor the Old Age Pensions Act. In short, all progress would have been arrested. The country cannot, and will not, tolerate the destruction of good measures by politicians who make the absurd pretence that they will accept nothing less than perfection. The Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage, which the Government are trying to destroy in this unworthy fashion, had at the outset the fairest prospects; it had, and still has, the support of the electors, who believe that each household should be represented, even though at its head is a woman, and that those women who have the Municipal Vote are entitled to the Parliamentary Vote also. From the first the Bill had the support of the Women's Associations. The House of Commons accorded to it at the second reading a larger majority than they accorded to the resolutions on the House of Lords question and to the 1909 Budget. The way seemed clear, but the Government arose and placed their veto upon the Bill. This veto must be removed. It is unconstitutional for the Prime Minister to prevent the Commons from passing the Suffrage Bill. The Liberal leaders complain that the House of Lords have used their veto in a manner contrary to the spirit of the Constitution. The veto which the Prime Minister has placed upon the Woman Suffrage Bill is still more contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and his action has not even the show of legality which supports the action of the House of Lords.

The truth of the matter is that the veto which the Prime Minister places upon legislation, the manner in which, by refusing the Commons freedom of action, he prevents the passing of any Bills which are not directly introduced by the Government, is a far more serious menace to our democratic institutions than the use or abuse by the Lords of their veto. This is a problem which, though it has not as yet had much public discussion, is engaging the anxious and earnest attention of all who really value the principle of representative government. The iron control which the Government have obtained over the elected representatives of the people in the House of Commons tends to rob our electoral system of all its reality, and to make popular control of the Government exceedingly difficult. The Government's attempt to wreck the Woman Suffrage Bill is a flagrant example of what they are doing and attempting to do in all directions.

We ask the electors whether they are content with this state of affairs, and whether they desire it to become worse in the future than it is at present. We ask them at the present by-elections to vote upon this constitutional issue—upon the question of whether the House of Commons is to be in subjection to the Government, or whether the Government are to bow to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives.

We ask them to declare at the ballot box whether they believe that women, while called upon to pay taxes and obey laws and serve the State, ought to be bolted and barred outside the Constitution, or whether they ought to be admitted to its rights and privileges.

Those electors who are content that their representatives in the House of Commons should be gagged and fettered by an autocratic, irresponsible Government, and are content that a Bill giving political freedom to a large number of their fellow-citizens shall be wrecked, will vote for the Liberal candidate. The rest, who are determined that the will of the people, both men and women, shall prevail, will vote against the nominees of a Government which has forgotten its respect for the Constitution and has forgotten its Liberalism.

MATER TRIUMPHANS.

Son of my woman's body, you go, to the drum and fife,
To taste the colour of love and the other side of life—
From out of the dainty the rude, the strong from out of the frail,
Eternally through the ages from the female comes the male.

The ten fingers and toes, and the shell-like nail on each,
The eyes blind as gems and the tongue attempting speech;
Impotent hands in my bosom, and yet they shall wield the sword;
Drugged with slumber and milk, you wait the day of the Lord.

Infant bridegroom, uncrowned king, unanointed priest,
Soldier, lover, explorer, I see you nuzzle the breast.
You that grope in my bosom shall load the ladies with rings,
You, that came forth through the doors, shall burst the doors of kings.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

This week the financial record is just over £200. Next week we shall complete the £76,000. Of that I feel sure.

The note of warning has to be clearly sounded for the benefit of the present Government, which has placed its veto on the Conciliation Bill. The best places for sounding it at the present moment are Walthamstow and South Shields. A vigorous by-election campaign is being carried out in both these constituencies. Everybody who can should hurry to one of these centres. Those who cannot go will be able to send money to enable others to go. Money is wanted for hire of halls, printing, motor cars, and board and lodging expenses of those who willingly give their time and service, but are unable to meet the extra cost of living. The cost of a by-election campaign is about £200. The Treasurer invites special contributions for this purpose.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

October 3 to October 8.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	£75,602	16	2
"C.F.T.W."	0	17	10
"A Member"	0	1	6
"A.M.V."	5	0	0
Mrs. Pagg	0	5	0
"Absent from Queen's Hall"	0	2	8
Miss I. S. S. Churchill	1	0	0
Mrs. Ethel Lloyd Jones	0	5	0
Mrs. and Miss Eva Wright	1	0	0
Mrs. M. Crosby Smith	1	1	0
Mrs. White	0	10	0
Hugh Law, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
Rev. Anna Shaw	0	12	0
Miss Millicent Wadham	0	10	0
Mrs. G. F. Wallis	4	16	0
Mrs. A. Lloyd Thomas	0	2	0
Mrs. A. Williams	0	2	6
Extra paid on "V. for W." at Charing Cross pitch	0	4	6
"A Suffragette's Croquet Prizes"	3	3	0
Mrs. Arthur Valon	1	1	0
Misses A. A. and S. S. Vine	0	8	0
Mrs. Maxfield	0	2	6
Mrs. Wm. D. Underdown	0	5	0
Wm. D. Underdown, Esq.	0	5	0
Miss Vera Swan	2	0	0
Mrs. Ward-Higgs	2	0	0
Mrs. P. Laverack	1	1	0
Nurse Corthorn	0	2	6
Miss B. Lines	0	10	0
Miss Adelaide Shillidy	0	1	11
Miss Mary Parr	1	1	0
Miss Rose Farmer	0	5	0
Mrs. Ennis Richmond	3	0	0
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—			
Miss Beck	0	5	0
Mrs. Marsh	0	2	6
Per Miss L. Burns—			
Anon.	0	0	6
Anon.	0	1	0
Anon.	0	1	0
Extra paid on "V. f. W." (per Miss Fishhill)	0	0	11
Profit on Suffrage Library (per Miss Roberts)	0	6	3
"Jumbo"	0	1	0
Miss R. A. Anderson	0	1	0
Miss H. Fishhill	0	1	0
Miss E. C. Haig	0	2	0
Miss E. Hudson	0	1	0
Mrs. Fraser	0	1	0
Miss Arnott	0	1	0
Miss Downie	0	2	0
Miss C. Dempster	0	2	0
Miss Kerr	0	4	0
Miss M. O. Geddes	0	11	0
Mrs. Newell	0	2	0
Miss E. Sharp	0	2	6
Miss H. Murray	0	10	0
Miss Murray	0	7	6
Miss Simpson	0	1	0
Miss Topping	0	2	0
Miss H. Login	0	1	0
Miss Macdonald	0	1	0
Miss J. C. Methven	0	1	0
Mrs. Meares	2	0	0
Miss Lambert	0	1	0
Miss Harriet N. Topping (coll.)	1	0	0
Per Mrs. F. W. Cooper—			
Miss Holden	0	6	0
Miss Marston	1	0	0
Jules Roselet, Esq.	1	0	0
Collected	0	5	9
Miss Wertheim	0	2	0
Per Miss D. Evans—			
Sale of Programmes	0	7	6
Miss Winifred Rales	0	4	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Mrs. Kerwood	1	0	0
Office Fund	0	10	0
Miss Taylor	0	2	6
Post Office Girls (per Miss Bray)	0	10	0
Mrs. Parker)	0	2	0
D. Joseph, Esq. (per Mrs. Parker)	0	10	0
Miss Mackenzie	0	2	0
Per Miss A. Kenney—			
Miss Decima Moore's reception	3	1	7
Lady Constance Lytton's reception	3	10	3
Mrs. Harris	0	1	0
Miss Mary Duncan	0	1	0
Mrs. Lehmann	0	1	0
The Misses Priestman	5	0	0
Mrs. Darley	0	10	0
Mrs. Davies-Smith	0	1	0
Miss Hutton	0	5	0
Anon	0	1	0
Miss L. Gray	0	1	0
Wyndham Hart, Esq.	0	1	0
Miss Clutterbuck	0	1	0
Library fees	0	6	0
Mrs. J. K. Moir	0	2	6
Mrs. M. Powell	0	1	0
Miss Powell	0	1	0
Mrs. Thorne	0	1	0
Miss L. Smith	0	2	0
Mrs. Newby	0	1	0
Mrs. Lock	0	4	0
Miss Rosewell	0	1	0
Miss F. L. Smith	0	2	0
Miss M. Staniland	0	1	0
Per Miss Macaulay—			
Profit on Shop	0	10	0
Profits on Miss Lightman's preparations	0	4	8
Per Mrs. Manuel			
Lieut.-Col. Blathwayt	5	0	0
Mrs. Brannan	1	1	0
Anon.	0	4	0
A Man Sympathiser	0	2	6
Miss Flora B. Bruère	1	1	0
Sale of Lavender Bags	0	1	2
Sale of Cakes, &c.	0	9	0
Sale of Shawl	0	2	0
Mrs. Richards	0	10	0
Miss Strangways	0	10	0
Miss A. E. Tollemache	1	10	0
Miss Perkins	0	10	6
Mrs. Moger	1	1	6
Per Miss D. Pethick (for Shop):—			
Miss Barnes	0	5	0
Mrs. Barnes	0	2	6
Mrs. Batchelor	0	1	6
Mrs. Bennett	0	5	0
Miss R. Bennett	0	3	4
Miss D. A. Bowker	0	5	0
Misses Brightland	0	3	4
Miss Corcoran	0	5	0
Miss Carryer	0	5	0
Mrs. Fordham	0	5	0
Miss Frisby	0	5	0
Miss Hopphwhite	0	5	0
Mrs. Goodliffe	0	2	3
Mrs. Ionides	0	5	0
Miss Winifred Jones	1	0	0
Miss Miller	0	1	8
Miss D. Pethick	0	5	0
Miss Peake	0	1	8
Miss O. Stafford	0	1	8
Mrs. Shaw	0	3	4
Mrs. Taylor	0	5	0
Mrs. Tyler	0	5	0
Miss V. West	0	5	0
Miss Winterton	0	5	0
Miss F. M. Yeomans	0	5	0
Miss M. S. Wright	0	1	3
Miss K. A. Smith	0	2	8
Taken for tea	0	12	6
Per Miss Wylie:—			
Profit on Literature	2	12	6
Miss Soga	1	0	0
Membership Fees	4	4	0
Collections, etc.:—			
London	60	3	8
Per Miss L. Ainsworth	8	11	0
Per Miss Burns	2	14	4
Per Miss Evans	15	15	0
Per Miss A. Kenney	6	15	9
Per Miss Macaulay	8	3	6
Per Mrs. Manuel	3	2	8
Per Miss D. Pethick	3	8	10
Per Miss Wylie	1	6	3
Total	**£76,804**	**11**	**8**

TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

I wish there were the slightest possibility of my being with you on the 10th of next month, but my strength has been failing so fast ever since I came back from Scotland in May, that it would be madness to attempt it. I shall be with you in heart, in any case, and you are sure to have a magnificent demonstration. It is for you, beloved younger workers, to complete and crown the edifice of woman's freedom, that is of the true human freedom, the foundations of which have been laid by earlier workers, including many whose very names are now almost forgotten, but who bravely did their part, with patient hope of the future that yet shall be. I for one am glad and thankful to have lived, loved and worked, and to know that the future of our cause is absolutely safe in the hands in which it is now entrusted. Much has been won, much more is being won, and the future is in a very important sense already assured. I shall be with you in heart and rejoice as you rejoice in the glorious progress which has already been made, and the still more glorious promise of the future.

Ever affectionately yours,

E. C. WOLSTENHOLME ELMY.

CONGLETON, Oct. 10, 1910.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Ministers have other troubles before them besides the Osborne judgment, Form IV., Mr. Redmond, and the Navy. The voice of the Suffragette is heard in the land again. Mrs. Pankhurst is with us still, and her daughter, and the Women's Social and Political Union, and all the other energetic ladies who organised the processions which added to the amenities of London during the summer that is past. And these ladies, after an interval of comparative quiescence, are furbishing their weapons and preparing to plunge into the fray with more animation than ever. Mr. Lloyd George's attempt to put himself right in their eyes has not mollified them in the least. The more earnestly the Chancellor of the Exchequer declares that he believes in principle in votes for women the more bitterly do they feel towards him. They prefer the open foe to the uncandid friend. The Chancellor's explanation that he opposed the Conciliation Bill because it was not really calculated to promote the cause of Woman's Suffrage has only roused their wrath. To deprive them of what they want on the plea that they ought to want a great deal more does not appear to them at all satisfactory. Mr. Lloyd George protested only the other day that he is still desirous of admitting women to the Parliamentary franchise; but as he did all he could to defeat the scheme presented to the House of Commons for putting them there, they bluntly tell him that he is not speaking the truth.

The ladies mean business, and they mean mischief. Miss Christabel Pankhurst has announced this week that if "the stupid and wrong-headed Prime Minister" does not "learn wisdom" by November the active campaign will be resumed. And Mrs. Pethick Lawrence further explained that this campaign would be carried on with a full swing. If the Conciliation Bill goes through—well and good. If not, thousands of women "would know the reason why." If they were forced to choose between subjection to injustice and revolt they would choose revolt. The proposal for payment of members rouses the especial anger of the Suffragettes, and we must say with some reason. They object to being forced to pay for legislators whom they have no voice in electing. But Miss Pankhurst goes further. The time is growing ripe, she thinks, for all women to refuse to pay taxes until they are granted the Vote. It may be ripe in the autumn, unless the Conciliation Bill passes.

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The police may protect Ministers from molestation in Parliament Square and Downing Street, but it is not in those quarters that their assailants are most formidable. The whole force of the Women's Social and Political Union and the Women's Freedom League will be turned on at the elections, and it will be used ruthlessly. In every constituency scores or hundreds of women—active, enthusiastic, and armed with all the weapons of feminine persuasiveness and persistency—will be working against the Liberal candidate. His own canvassers and speakers will be countered everywhere, pursued and pestered, by these ubiquitous opponents; and they will be at as great a disadvantage as most steady-going, disciplined regular armies usually are when attacked by swarms of mobile guerillas. Nobody who remembers what the Primrose dames accomplished in the early days of the League will undervalue their efforts. They will give a character of its own to the next General Election, and a character which promises to be very disagreeable to the Ministerialists, who will have to fight the woman Suffragists as well as the Unionists, and, in all probability, the Labour men. It is a prospect which must render the Liberal Party managers more reluctant that ever to face the electors, and more doubtful of success when at length that unwelcome ordeal can no longer be evaded.

—**The Outlook.**

MRS. PANKHURST IN IRELAND.

Mrs. Pankhurst's strong, magnetic personality and winning eloquence will, no doubt, win many new recruits for the movement in Ireland, while her brilliant ability and suave charm of manner will do much to dispel prejudice and ignorance.

—**Evening Telegraph** (Dublin).

It would be impossible to enumerate all the wild fantastic notions that were current in the early days of what is called the militant movement as to the personality of its founder. However, what she was believed to be by those who had never seen her—as, for instance, the writer of this article—matters now but little. Those who so desire it can see her as she is: a woman of slender build, quiet, dignified to an unusual degree, with deep-set, blue-grey eyes and a rather wide mouth, her dark hair parted in the centre; a woman with a magnetic personality, a keen sense of humour, and essentially a gentlewoman. She has further been endowed with that "most beautiful thing in woman"—a low, sweet voice.

—**Irish Independent.**

The Vote is inevitable, if for no other reason than that there is such a thing in the development of States as eternal justice. The day will come when the Vote will be regarded as a right to all and not as a privilege to some.

—**South Wales Daily News.**

MISS PANKHURST'S APPEAL TO TEACHERS.

In spite of the strangeness due to the fact that the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, is not St. James's Hall, Thursday's meeting was both crowded and enthusiastic, and gladness that work had begun again was very evident.

Mrs. Tuke, from the chair, remarked on the wonderful way in which the movement has grown in the past two years; especially noticeable is the growth of the weekly meetings which are the most fruitful of all the activities, a source of inspiration and help to the workers, a place to find comradeship, and a hunting-ground for new workers. She gave a hearty welcome to the strangers present, and invited them to become members.

Miss Evelyn Sharp dealt in her own characteristic manner with some of the objections brought by Mr. Lloyd George against the Conciliation Bill. She gave from her personal observation some vivid word-pictures of the sad plight of women who realise for the first time—perhaps in the Children's Court—that they are not the legal parent of their children. Miss Sharp concluded with an earnest appeal to strangers in the audience to realise that the question of women's enfranchisement was an urgent one; women had arrived at a state of impatience and did not mean to wait any longer.

After Miss Dorothy Pethick had given a brief account of the work in Leicester, Miss Christabel Pankhurst made a special appeal to teachers. The teaching profession ought to be a great recruiting ground for the Suffragettes. If they had wanted to keep women in subjection they ought never to have taught them to read, and teachers who had had a fine education were just the very women who ought to take a leading part in this movement for women's emancipation. The unemployment of teachers at the present time was a woman's question; women being voteless were not armed with political power. It was of no use grumbling unless they were prepared to back their complaint by action; therefore let them come forward and join the W.S.P.U., and so secure the power to remedy the evil. They should do this not only for their own sake but for the sake of women far more helpless than themselves.

ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Friday's meeting was highly successful. The Grand Hall of the Criterion was more than full, and the speeches of Mrs. Boulnois and Miss Martin, Chairman and Secretary of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, Sir William Chance, Bart, and the Rev. Dr. Cobb were closely followed by the large audience, many of whom seemed to be attending a Suffrage meeting for the first time. The beautiful singing of Lady Sybil Smith was also deeply appreciated by everyone. The League is arranging to have Local Honorary Secretaries in the Provinces. Will Suffrage Societies please note that Miss Cicely Leadley Brown, The Idle Hour Club, 2, Church Street, Liverpool, (Telephone 60, Heswell, or 3834 Royal), has kindly consented to act in Liverpool, and Miss J. Harvey, St. Aubyns, Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, is taking up the work in Eastbourne. Both will be glad to answer any enquiries about entertainments given by the League, or as to members on tour giving their professional services, and to get in touch with members of the Dramatic, Musical, and Music Hall profession, in these tours, who are desirous of joining the League.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

Offices: 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.
Telephone: City 3168.
Hon. Organising Sec., Victor D. Duval.

Please remember! 1. Albert Hall meeting Nov. 10: box tickets, 2s. 6d. each (members only). 2. Special meeting Oct. 25, at 13, Buckingham Street, Strand. 3. Speakers and helpers in M.P.U. Committee rooms at Walthamstow urgently wanted. 4. In order to carry on our work financial assistance is **absolutely necessary**. Every member should send something towards the £1,000 Campaign Fund. Already acknowledged, £150 12s. 8d.; Mrs. H. Pascal, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Hugh Swanton, 1s.; Mr. Wilfred H. Crook, 2s. 6d.; Membership fees, 10s.—£151 8s. 8d.

Manchester Branch.—This branch made its debut last Saturday at the great Joint Demonstration in Alexandra Park, Messrs. W. Griffin (chair), H. A. Carney, — Kirkby, and W. B. Capper, jun., being the speakers. The local "anti's" (mostly uncles) turned up in force under Mr. Maconachie and concentrated on our platform, but their votes were swamped by intelligent people, and the resolution was carried by quite two-thirds majority. Members spent a strenuous week chalking, distributing bills (house to house), &c. Our notices in town were the talk of all Manchester and district. Special thanks to Messrs. F. J. Bailey and W. Griffin, who gave great assistance on five nights. We are now concentrating attention on our great meeting in Onward Hall, Oct. 26, at which Mr. Victor Duval will be the principal speaker. Open-air meetings are in full swing. Members urgently wanted, also helpers to canvass votes for Conciliation Bill.

Birmingham Branch.—Open-air meetings have been held in the town all this week, and judging from the enthusiastic crowds, the cause is fast gaining ground here. We are awaiting replies from local M.P.'s to see if they will receive deputations from this Union. We have every hope of our meeting of 15th in Bristol Street School being a success. Mr. Victor Duval's new pamphlet is much appreciated here and is selling well.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN will be interested to know that "The Chain," a play by Mrs. Herbert Cohen, will shortly be played in London. Mrs. Cohen, who is well known as a generous contributor to the £100,000 Fund, has already been successful in bringing out two plays. "The Chain" is now on tour under the management of Mr. Arthur Hardy, Mrs. Russwhytal being the principal actress, and will shortly be produced in London at the Kennington Theatre.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

Miss Evelyn Sharp, in her address last Thursday evening, said "Every woman who stands outside this movement now is asking another woman to go to prison." This is no time for any woman to stand aloof. For the sake of the weak and helpless, for the good of humanity, come out and take your part in the woman's fight for freedom.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

London members are wanted now to give every moment of their spare time to help at Walthamstow by-election. Speakers, paper-sellers, bill-distributors, chalkers, and those who can help in the Committee Rooms, are wanted to come forward at once. The Committee Rooms, 308, Hoe Street, are only two minutes' walk from Hoe Street Station. Don't wait to write but call and see Miss Jessie Kenney, who will be glad of all the help she can get.

Those members who have some spare time this Friday morning are reminded of the Poster Parade which starts from 156, Charing Cross Road, at 11 a.m. It only takes a little over an hour, and as it is one of the best methods of advertising the paper, it is hoped that an ever-growing number will take part in this important work. Paper-sellers for the theatre queues, and for Trafalgar Square on Saturdays, from 10 to 4, are also needed. Will volunteers send their names to Miss Ainsworth, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.?

Miss Hambling will be glad to have the names of those who will steward at the Albert Hall meeting on November 10. *Members only are eligible*, and they are asked to be at the hall not later than 6 p.m. Names should be sent to Miss Hambling at the W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, at once, so that arrangements may be made.

Posters, advertising the great Albert Hall meeting, can be had from Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, in the following sizes:—30in. by 20in.; window posters, 20in. by 14in.; and handbills, all free. A large poster, 50in. by 36in., suitable for shop windows, can also be had, price 5d. When ordering please give size of posters required.

BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Halsey, 45, Cambridge Mansions.

On Sunday Mrs. Penfold was induced to make a short but rousing speech, and with the thoughtful and earnest address of Miss Gilliatt, a most successful meeting was held. Mrs. Drummond's presence was a source of vigour and enthusiasm, and the resolution was carried with a few dissentients. On Clapham Common Mrs. E. Butler, of Hammersmith, addressed a large crowd, while the paper sold well and a good collection was taken. Week night open-air meetings begin on Tuesday next at Prince's Head, with Miss Barwell as speaker. Will members feel it a duty and privilege to attend at least one meeting weekly, as much good can be done if there are plenty of helpers?

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hefford, 54, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

A particularly good meeting was held on Peckham Rye on Sunday, when the resolution was again carried by a large majority, a gentleman in the crowd offering the money to pay for the lorry. Will members please note that a whist party is being arranged to provide funds for the Autumn Campaign?

CHELSEA AND KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road.
Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

On Monday, October 24, the Autumn Jumble Sale will be held. Members and friends are reminded that this is one way of raising money for the funds; and it is hoped they will send parcels of clothing, crockery, books, etc., as soon as possible. Promises of help for sorting, pricing, arranging the Sale and for selling on the day should be sent in early next week, as helpers are badly needed. Now that the open-air meetings have started, the Secretaries would be very glad if supporters and paper-sellers would call at the Shop whenever a meeting is announced, and start with the Speakers, as their help so greatly adds to the success of meetings. The Wednesday Evening meetings are especially intended as a means of education for those already interested in the movement, and it is hoped that Dr. C. M. Murrell will have a good audience on Wednesday, October 19, at 8.30 p.m., when she will open the series. Her lecture is for women only.

CHISWICK.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes, 98, Sutton Court Road.
Office—496, High Road.

The Actresses' Franchise League gave a delightful entertainment on Friday last and the audience was a very appreciative one. Best thanks to Miss Benusan for her splendid work, and to all the actresses who gave their services. Strangers who were present are invited to come and make the personal acquaintance of the Chiswick Union on Wednesday evenings at 496, High Road. An exceedingly nice room has been taken there for office work and small meetings during the winter. The first was held on Wednesday. It is hoped these meetings will be a fruitful source of enlarging the membership roll.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

October.			
Friday, 14	Blackheath Hill	Miss Davison	8 p.m.
" "	Brecknock Road, Boston Corner	Miss Margaret West, Mrs. Williams	7.30 p.m.
" "	156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
" "	4, Clements Inn, Speakers' Class	Miss Rosa Lee	7.45 p.m.
" "	Cricklewood, Richborough Road	Miss Wright, Miss Wilson	7.30 p.m.
" "	Crouch End, 30, Cecile Park	Debate: Miss Bowick, B.A.	8 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss L. Hall	8 p.m.
" "	East Ham, outside "The Cock"		8 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside)	Miss Fagg, Miss Dixon	8 p.m.
" "	Herne Hill	Mrs. Drummond	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lavender Hill, Mossbury Road	Miss Canning, Mrs. Strong	8 p.m.
" "	Putney, Lower Richmond Road	Miss Gilliatt	7.30 p.m.
" "	Upton Manor, 90, Cecil Road	Drawing-room Meeting: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield; Hostess, Mrs. Parker	3 to 5 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Mrs. Lamartine Yates; Chair, Mrs. Lonsignol	8 p.m.
Saturday, 15	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Cather, Miss Darton	7.30 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, Finchley Road	Miss Jacobs	3.30 p.m.
" "	Hendon, The Bell	Mrs. Fahey, and others	7.30 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Oakfield Road		8 p.m.
" "	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss Hopkins, Miss Gould	7 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Nourse; Chair, Miss Auerbach	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Shop	Poster Parade	8 p.m.
" "	Richmond, Fire Station	Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, "The Fountain"	Miss West, Miss L. Tyson	7.30 p.m.
" "	West Hendon	Miss A. Wright	7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 16	Battersea Park	Miss Naylor; Chair, Miss Tew	3 p.m.
" "	Brockwell Park	Mrs. Bouvier, Miss L. Tyson	3 p.m.
" "	Clapham Common	Miss Heatley; Chair, Miss Bell	3 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Cather	7 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, Jack Straw's Castle	Miss Hicks	11.30 a.m.
" "	Islington, Newington Green	Miss Alice Wright; Chair, Miss Fricker	7 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Hilly Fields	Miss Canning; Chair, Mrs. Bouvier	3.30 p.m.
" "	Peckham Rye	Nurse Pitfield; Chair, Miss Dawson	3.15 p.m.
" "	Putney Heath	Miss Barwell	3.30 p.m.
" "	Ravenscourt Park	Miss K. Jarvis, Miss M. West	3 p.m.
" "	Streatham Common	Mrs. Massy, Mrs. Tyson	3 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Miss Helen Ogston	3 p.m.
Monday, 17	Child's Hill		8.15 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Shop		8 p.m.
" "	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss Fagg, Mrs. Butler	7 p.m.
" "	Kensal Town, Third Avenue	Miss Richard, Miss Barwell	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Victoria Road	Miss Peek; Chair, Miss L. Smith	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Catford Tram Terminus	Mrs. Bouvier, and others	7.30 p.m.
" "	**Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.**	**Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Stout, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.**	**3 to 5 p.m.**
Tuesday, 18	Chelsea, Limerston Street	Miss Blacklock, Miss Barwell	8 p.m.
" "	Barham Grove		8 p.m.
" "	Fulham, St. John's Church, Walham Green	Mrs. Oliver Watts	12 noon
" "	100, Hammersmith Road	At Home	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Iverson Road	Nurse Pitfield; Chair, Miss Burton	7.30 p.m
" "	Lewisham, Parish Hall, Ladywell Rd.	Lady Constance Lytton, H. N. Brailsford, Esq.; Chair, Mrs. Hiscox	8 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Praed Street	Miss Sharp	3.30 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Praed Street		8.15 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 57, Downton Avenue	Lecture: Miss Elspeth Carr	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 19	Barking, Old Town Hall	Mrs. Whitten, Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
" "	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Dr. C. M. Murrell	8.30 p.m.
" "	Deptford	Miss Gilliatt	8 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 77, Belsize Park Gardens	Miss Clementina Black; Hostess, Mrs. John Gulich	8.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, 113, Holloway Road	Members' Meeting	6.30 p.m.
" "	" Highbury Corner	Chair, Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Canning; Chair, Miss Auerbach	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lavender Hill, Cedar Terrace	Miss Glover	8 p.m.
" "	Nutford Place, Edgware Road	Miss Fagg, Miss Dixon	8.15 p.m.
Thursday, 20	**Memorial Hall, Farringdon St., E.C.**	**Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.**, Mrs. Cecil Chapman	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, "The Fountain"	Mrs. Bouvier, Miss L. Tyson	7.30 p.m.
" "	Thornton Heath, Clock		7.30 p.m.
Friday, 21	156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
" "	Chelsea, Wellington Square	Miss Blacklock, Miss Canning	8 p.m.
" "	4, Clements Inn, Speakers' Class	Miss Rosa Lee	7.45 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street		8 p.m.
" "	Greenwich, Stockwell Street	Miss Dawson	8 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 3, Fitzjohn's Mansions, Netherhall Gardens	At Home: Mrs. Hicks, Miss Evelyn Sharp; Hostess: Miss Beatrice Harraden	3 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss A. Wright; Chair, Miss K. Taylor	7.30 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside)	Mrs. Massy	8 p.m.
" "	Hornsey Road, Seven Sisters Road	Miss Bowick	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lavender Hill, Mossbury Road	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
" "	Putney, Lower Richmond Road	Mrs. Oliver Watts	7.30 p.m.
" "	Stratford Broadway		8 p.m.
" "	West Norwood, Public Hall	**Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.**, The Rev. Ivory Cripps; Chair, Miss L. Tyson	8 p.m.
" "	West Norwood Social Institute	Debate: Miss H. Ogston	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Mrs. Lamartine Yates	8 p.m.

Every Friday, Poster Parade, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., 11 a.m.
Thursday, November 10, Royal Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m

(*For By-Election Meetings see p. 20.*)

CROYDON.

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Most hearty thanks are due to all who worked so hard and so willingly and helped to make the Demonstration the success it was. It is difficult to specialise amongst so many, but particular thanks are due to Miss Hardy and Miss Perrin, who so ably managed the Press-cart kindly lent by Mrs. Ireland, to Miss Walter and Miss Cocksedge, lorry-captains, to the Misses Gliddon, Miss Easall, Miss Thomas, Miss Doggett, Miss Reynolds, to the standard-bearers and paper-sellers, to Mrs. Lavington, who very kindly took charge of the shop, and to Miss Mills for her hospitality to the speakers and helpers. A real debt of gratitude is owed to Miss Vera Holme who gave up a holiday to drive the decorated W.S.P.U. motor about Croydon to advertise the meeting, and to the speakers who came from town to address the meeting. It is almost needless to say that the resolution was carried nearly unanimously at all three platforms. Will members please note that on Monday, October 24, at 8 p.m., Miss Abadam will give an address entitled "Mates or Mutes." Particulars later. It is particularly requested that every member will bring with her at least one unconverted friend. Many thanks to Miss Walter and Miss Cocksedge for their generous contributions of £1 1s. each. Goods for the Jumble Sale are still badly needed.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Heanley, 329, High Street, East Ham.

Miss Haslam gave a very interesting address to a large crowd at Stratford Grove on Oct. 7. Mr. Friedlaender questioned Mr. Masterman at his meeting on Oct. 6, and papers were sold and bills distributed outside. Members please note that a whist drive is arranged for Nov. 13 at Barlham Hall.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

On Tuesday evening, at the weekly At Home, members and friends were delighted to hear Dr. Helen Bourchier's most interesting speech. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Tuckwell, who kindly took the chair and helped to officiate. Jumble Sale parcels have started to come in, but a great many more are needed. Members having old clothes or household goods to spare are asked to send a bundle. On Friday evening Nurse Pitfield and Mrs. E. L. Butler addressed a very sympathetic crowd at The Grove, Hammersmith. Public opinion has certainly much changed in the neighbourhood, and open-air meetings are most popular and successful. If members would follow Miss Challen's example, who comes to *all* the outdoor meetings and sells VOTES FOR WOMEN, a lot of work would be done. One local member has already sent in her name for the deputation. Will others volunteer?

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—89, Heath Street. Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlatt.

The drawing-room meeting held by kind permission of Mrs. Adair Roberts, at Oakhill Lodge, was a great success, the splendid speeches made by Mrs. Brailsford and the Hon. Evelina Haverfield being listened to with keen interest. Converts were made, and a collection amounting to £2 9s. 8d. taken. On Saturday Mrs. Jamson kindly gave a drawing-room meeting. Mrs. Eates, owing to an accident, was prevented from attending but Mrs. Kenyon at very short notice took her place and made a most excellent speech. A quantity of literature was sold, and new members made. On Sunday morning Miss Georgina Brackenbury addressed a large and enthusiastic audience on the Heath. There will be a public meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, November 21, at which Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. Joseph Clayton will speak. Mrs. Hicks will take the chair. Tickets may be obtained at the Shop. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Thomas, a looking glass and books for the library; Miss G. Batson, dolls; Miss Le Geyt and Miss Etta Rowlatt, home-made sweets. Members and friends are reminded of the lecture, "Suffragists and the Factory Act," by Miss Clementina Black (see Programme). A large attendance is hoped for.

HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Noble, Derby Lodge.

Two very successful open-air meetings were held on Saturday last, the speakers being Miss Richard and Miss Feek. Paper sales were again greatly increased. Tickets for the meeting on October 27, at which Lady Constance Lytton will speak, are selling well, and there is every chance of the hall being quite full.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. C. Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

A meeting was held in the Market Place, Romford on October 5. Large though the space is the crowd spread over into the road, and it was evident that there is room for much work in the neighbourhood. On the same evening Miss Naylor spoke at Clement's Wood Baptist Church Literary Society and greatly interested her audience. On Saturday Miss Trim spoke to a sympathetic crowd at Ilford. Members should book seats early for the Albert Hall. Boxes 3s. each, arena 1s. Mrs. Dearden is getting up a concert on December 1; seats, 1s. and 6d. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Regan 1s., Miss D. Harvey (re Hospital Carnival) 6d.

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 39, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

Work is going on steadily, three meetings being held weekly, and there will soon be a regular paper-selling pitch in Upper Street if some more volunteers will come forward. Members are asked to turn up in full force to the meeting on Wednesday. See Programme.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Eates, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

The first autumn At Home proved a great success, a large audience gathering in Mrs. Charles Kerr's drawing-room to listen with deep interest to Mrs. Cecil Chapman's speech. The next At Home will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 2, Campden Hill Square (by kind permission of Miss Brackenbury). The speaker will be Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Two drawing-room meetings have already been promised for this month, and it is hoped that many more may be arranged during the next few weeks. The Jumble Sale will be held on November 7. Miss Edwards, Mrs. Rogers, and Miss G. Wylie have kindly undertaken the pricing and ticketing of goods and management of the Sale. Thanks to the following for parcels: Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Charles Cope, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Bradbury Dillon, the Misses Vane, Mrs. Gais, Mrs. Wigg, Miss Limouzin, Miss B. Sharp, and Miss Warter. Goods for the Sale should be sent on or before October 30, c/o Mrs. Denibas, 34, Elgin Crescent, W. At the Workers' Meeting arrangements were made for canvassing the Earl's Court district. Miss S. Wylie has undertaken to organise this work. She will be assisted by Miss E. Wylie and Miss Brennan, and will be glad to hear of others willing to help. Thanks to Mrs. Ferguson for some charming jewellery for the Shop.

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 23, Acacia Grove, Dulwich.

All unsold tickets for Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on Oct. 21 must be returned to the Organising Secretary by Wednesday, Oct. 19. Any tickets not received by Thursday morning must be accounted for as sold. Attention is called to the fact that the public hall is but a few doors from West Norwood Railway Station, and therefore easily accessible from Streatham and Balham. Trams and motor-omnibuses run from Herne Hill, Brixton and Stockwell to within a few yards of the hall. A special appeal is made to those willing to help to chalk the meeting, as the district is very large. Names should be sent to the Organising Secretary as soon as possible. Miss Harriett Packer's address, the first of the series of six lectures on great English women, was excellently attended and much appreciated. Last Tuesday, Miss Jarvis delivered a most interesting lecture on Charlotte Brontë. Owing to Mrs. Eates' unavoidable absence the lecture next Tuesday will be kindly delivered by Miss Elspeth Carr, subject, "Women's Work in British Textile Industries before the 19th Century."

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Offices—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours, 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount Pleasant Road.

A strong appeal is made to members and friends to take part in the poster parade which starts from the Shop on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m., in order to advertise the Parish Hall meeting of Oct. 18, when Lady Constance Lytton and Mr. Brailsford will speak; Mrs. Hiscox in the chair. Others are wanted for bill distributing and paper selling along the route. Tickets for the meeting, price 1s. and 6d.; also Albert Hall tickets, box 3s., can be had by members from the Shop. A mothers' meeting was addressed by Mrs. McKenzie on Oct. 4, and on the same day Miss C. D. Townsend held a successful open-air meeting at St. Margaret's Road. Mrs. Brailsford delivered a most interesting address at Lee Green on Oct. 5, and on Hilly Fields on Sunday Miss Naylor carried her audience with her not only by her powerful speech, but by her masterly handling of the numerous questions. VOTES FOR WOMEN sold well, and a good collection was taken. Gratefully acknowledged—a number of picture postcards from Miss Decima Moore, autographed, price 6d. Thanks to Mrs. Rogers and Miss Chittenden for becoming regular contributors to the shop rent fund. The annual membership subscriptions (minimum 1s.) were due in September! Parcels for the Jumble Sale will be welcome. For meetings see Programme.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road Kilburn. Tel. 1183 Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

On Wednesday, October 5th, a very successful drawing-room meeting was held at Pinnercote, Pinner, by the kind permission of Mrs. Mark Verden. Mrs. Madeleine Lucette Ryley, the well-known author and playwright and the witty and brilliant advocate of the women's cause, was the speaker, and there is little doubt that her evidence on this occasion strengthened the enthusiasm of those who have already shown so much interest in the movement. Mrs. Ryley was ably supported by Miss Elizabeth Freeman, the hard-working devotee who is doing so much to improve the working girls' condition. The chair was taken by Rev. Llewellyn Smith, of Wembley, who is such a strenuous worker for the Church of England Woman's League. A beautiful banner was unfurled during the afternoon, and was presented to the Pinner branch of the N.W. London W.S.P.U. by Mrs. Maclelland. Many large and enthusiastic outdoor meetings have been held in different parts of the district, and at all of them the resolution has been carried with overwhelming majorities. The encouragement and sympathy shown to speakers is quite remarkable. Very good sales have been effected at the shop, the new goods being greatly appreciated. Will members who cannot help the cause with money or time support the shop by making their purchases there? Most necessaries are stocked. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Auerbach, 13s.; Miss Suckling, 7s. 6d.; Miss Deedy, 5s.; Mrs. Shewell Cooper, 5s.; and from the Hendon Union £2 12s. 9d. Albert Hall tickets can still be had. A large drawing-room is much wanted for a meeting. Who will offer?

NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clare Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate.

Workers are particularly requested to attend the general meeting at Miss Bonwick's, 28, Weston Park, next Tuesday (18th).

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—80, Praed Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield.

Through the kindness of members and friends all requirements for the Shop have been met, everything is quite comfortably established, and the premises distinctly ornamental. Meetings continue satisfactorily; with one exception the resolution has been carried overwhelmingly. At Tuesday's meeting Mrs. Kenyon made an admirable speech in the afternoon, and Mrs. Drummond spoke feelingly in the evening on the necessity of the vote for women who work for their living. Both addresses were much appreciated, also tea and conversation afterwards, which give an opportunity to members and friends to become acquainted with each other and pass a pleasant evening. All are cordially invited, and begged to bring their friends.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—305, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Cutten, 37, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. H. Roberts.

Three open-air meetings have been held this week, Mrs. Oliver Watts being the speaker at Walham Green on Tuesday mid-day and on Putney Heath on Sunday, and Miss Bonwick in Putney (Montserrat Road) on Tuesday evening. Will members please remember that paper-sellers are urgently needed both for open-air meetings and street-selling on Fridays from 7 till 9 p.m., and help in this way is worth a lot? Many thanks to Mrs. Shellshear for her most acceptable gift of marrow jam for the Shop, and to Mrs. Diplock, Mrs. Keeling and others for valuable additions to the Jumble Sale goods, which will be disposed of at Kelvedon Hall as before. Last time almost £9 was raised by this means, so the Committee have decided to repeat this method of selling the goods by instalments. Additions to the stock already received will still be most acceptable. On Friday, Nov. 4, a whist drive will be held at the Shop. Will members please try to dispose of as many tickets as possible for this? (1s. 6d., including refreshments.) An urgent appeal is made for funds, as the shop rent is very heavy. Two welcome additions of 3d. a week each to the weekly guarantee fund were made last week, but there are still many members who give no practical help. Albert Hall tickets (2s. each) have nearly all gone, so please order now. Other tickets will be procured to order.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Drummond, Mr. E. Duval very kindly came down last Saturday, at short notice, and delivered a stirring address to a large audience near the Fire Station, Miss Casey in the chair. Mrs. E. Jacobs, Evanette, Mate Road, Kew, has accepted the office of Hon. Literature Secretary, in place of Miss Ella Stevenson, to whom hearty thanks are due for the valuable work she has done during her tenure of office.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 5, Burghill Road, Sydenham.

A Suffrage entertainment including "Living Pictures" is being arranged to take place at Park Hall, on Tuesday, November 8. Will members and friends turn up in full force on that day? A great deal of help is wanted beforehand in ticket selling, etc.

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The local Autumn Campaign opened well at the At Home on Friday afternoon. Members and friends are asked to notice particularly that in future At Homes will be held at 8 p.m., instead of 3.30 as formerly. The clearance sale at the Shop will be continued during the week. Members are urged to send Jumble Sale contributions to Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, at the earliest possible date in order that final arrangements may be made. Early application should be made for Albert Hall tickets, as they are selling very quickly. On Sunday afternoon Miss Wright held a successful meeting on the Common; at the close the resolution was carried. Members and associates are invited to the drawing-room meeting to be given by Mrs. Lamartine Yates at Dorset Hall, Merton, at 8 p.m., on Monday, October 17, when Lady Constance Lytton will speak.

Home Counties.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Strafford Road, Barnet.

A successful meeting was held in the Town Hall Room on October 7, when Miss Brackenbury gave an excellent address. There was a good sale of literature, and many new members were made.

BEDFORD.

Organisers: Miss Douglas Smith and Miss Joachim, Churchside, Dudley-street.

A very successful first meeting was held in Leighton Buzzard on Monday evening, when Miss Douglas Smith addressed a large crowd and papers were all sold out. A very noticeable and encouraging feature was the interest and enthusiasm of the women present. It is hoped soon to start open-air meetings in the county. Will members in other towns put themselves in touch with the organisers at above address? Miss Burley, 45, Tavistock Street, Bedford, will be very glad of any contribution, however small, towards the cost of the local campaign.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Working Men's Institute, Harpur Street, Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17.—Leighton Buzzard, Market Square, 6.30 p.m.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Young, "Barbica," Sea Road, Bexhill.

On October 5 the members held their first indoor meeting at the Victoria Hall. It was addressed by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Harlow Phibbs, and was very successful. It was most encouraging to the active members to find the Hall was not large enough, but they were sorry many friends had to be turned away. The resolution was carried without a single dissentient. A house to house canvass was carried out in Hove, a small village four miles from Bexhill, with excellent results, several VOTES FOR WOMEN being sold and leaflets distributed everywhere.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 121, Old Christchurch Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth. Hours: 11—1 and 3.30—5.

Saturday, Oct. 22.—St. Peter's Hall, **Miss Christabel Pankhurst**, 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—6, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 3883 (Nat.) Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

The Royal Pavilion meeting on Friday last was a great success. The proceedings commenced at 7.30 with an organ recital by Mr. Norman Richards, and at 8 p.m. the choir sang the Marseillaise, speakers and audience rising and joining in the singing. After Miss Campbell Patterson, a very gifted member of the Actresses' Franchise League, had recited Laurence Housman's "Woman This and Woman That," Mrs. Francis introduced Lady Constance Lytton who was greeted with a storm of cheers, and was presented with a large bouquet of lilies tied in the colours by Master Reggie Abbott, a young supporter of Votes for Women. Lady Stout, wife of the Lord Chief Justice of New Zealand, then told the audience of the good effect the Vote had had on legislation in her country, and made some very witty remarks at the expense of the "antis." Lady Stout's appearance on the platform came as a very pleasant surprise, her name not appearing on the bills. She is on a short visit to Brighton, and very kindly consented to speak not only at the Pavilion meeting, but also at the Members' meeting on Monday. A collection of £7 7s. was taken, a good deal of literature and VOTES FOR WOMEN sold, and new members joined the Union. Mrs. Clarke wishes to thank the members of the Men's League for their help as stewards, and all those hard-working members who did so much to make the meeting a success. The open-air meetings on the Front continue to attract large crowds, numbers of VOTES FOR WOMEN being sold and good collections taken. At all meetings the resolution has been carried with very few dissentients. All members are urged to give as much time as possible to working for the cause between now and November. Volunteers are wanted to mind the office, speak, and for paper selling. Mrs. Clarke will be at home in the office from 7 till 9 every Friday to discuss the future work and general position.

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT.

Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate. Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay.

The great event of the immediate future is Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Dover Town Hall on Oct. 26. Friends in Dover, Folkestone, Walmer and Deal are earnestly asked to help by selling tickets, which can be had from Mrs. Jones, 19, Priory Hill, Dover. Miss Key is taking charge of the literature sellers at the meeting. Hearty thanks to Mrs. Jones for very valuable and generous help; also to many others, too numerous to mention.

Will Canterbury friends please help make the meeting to be held at the County Hotel (by kind permission of Mrs. Tomkins) on the 27th, at 3.30 p.m., a great success by bringing as many strangers as possible? Mrs. Horsly, the local secretary (St. Stephen's Lodge), will be in the chair, and the organiser will speak. Mrs. Horsly can be seen at any time by appointment at the County Hotel. Miss Agnes Horsly has kindly consented to become literature secretary for Canterbury.

Ramsgate Suffragists are asked to remember the meeting arranged by the N.U.W.S.S. to-night at the Lower Congregational Hall, at 8 p.m., at which the W.S.P.U. organiser will speak.

Wednesday, Oct. 26.—Dover Town Hall, **Mrs. Pankhurst**, 8 p.m.

KNEBWORTH.

Organiser—Lady Con[illegible]ton, Homewood.

A successful meeting [illegible] held on October 5, at the Mission Room, Knebworth. The audience much appreciated the excellent speeches of Mrs. Arthur Chapman and Miss Douglas Smith, who were introduced by Lady Constance Lytton. The meeting had been organised specially for the benefit of Liberal working-class electors and residents, many of whom were present, and the platform was remarkable for its representative character. Mr. Wallace (Liberal), who headed the poll at a recent Resident Council's election, occupied the chair. The resolution was proposed by Mr. Williams (Conservative), seconded by Mr. Muirhead (Liberal), and carried by an overwhelming majority, only one hand being raised in opposition. Twenty copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. The collection amounted to £1 17s. 0d. The meeting was got up by local members and helpers, the organiser being away. Special thanks to Miss Avery, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wilson. The caretaker of the hall refused pecuniary reward for his services, and many other residents showed a like public-spirited zeal. Any men or women able to give their assistance in spare moments for the campaign in other parts of Hertfordshire are invited to send in their names and addresses to the organiser. Helpers are wanted for selling papers, distributing handbills, stewarding, speaking at meetings, etc. Travelling expenses will be refunded.

CROYDON.

Office — 2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 969 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 79, Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

Most hearty thanks are due to all who worked so hard and so willingly and helped to make the Demonstration the success it was. It is difficult to specialise amongst so many, but particular thanks are due to Miss Hardy and Miss Perrin, who so ably managed the Press-cart kindly lent by Mrs. Ireland, to Miss Walter and Miss Cocksedge, lorry-captains, to the Misses Gliddon, Miss Easall, Miss Thomas, Miss Doggett, Miss Reynolds, to the standard-bearers and paper-sellers, to Mrs. Lavington, who very kindly took charge of the shop, and to Miss Mills for her hospitality to the speakers and helpers. A real debt of gratitude is owed to Miss Vera Holme who gave up a holiday to drive the decorated W.S.P.U. motor about Croydon to advertise the meeting, and to the speakers who came from town to address the meeting. It is almost needless to say that the resolution was carried nearly unanimously at all three platforms. Will members please note that on Monday, October 24, at 8 p.m., Miss Abadam will give an address entitled "Mates or Mutes." Particulars later. It is particularly requested that every member will bring with her at least one unconverted friend. Many thanks to Miss Walter and Miss Cocksedge for their generous contributions of £1 1s. each. Goods for the Jumble Sale are still badly needed.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Heanley, 329, High Street, East Ham.

Miss Haslam gave a very interesting address to a large crowd at Stratford Grove on Oct. 7. Mr. Friedlaender questioned Mr. Masterman at his meeting on Oct. 6, and papers were sold and bills distributed outside. Members please note that a whist drive is arranged for Nov. 13 at Earlham Hall.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

On Tuesday evening, at the weekly At Home, members and friends were delighted to hear Dr. Helen Bourchier's most interesting speech. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Tuckwell, who kindly took the chair and helped to officiate. Jumble Sale parcels have started to come in, but a great many more are needed. Members having old clothes or household goods to spare are asked to send a bundle. On Friday evening Nurse Pitfield and Mrs. E. L. Butler addressed a very sympathetic crowd at The Grove, Hammersmith. Public opinion has certainly much changed in the neighbourhood, and open-air meetings are most popular and successful. If members would follow Miss Challen's example, who comes to *all* the outdoor meetings and sells VOTES FOR WOMEN, a lot of work would be done. One local member has already sent in her name for the deputation. Will others volunteer?

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—69, Heath Street. Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlatt.

The drawing-room meeting held by kind permission of Mrs. Adair Roberts, at Oakhill Lodge, was a great success, the splendid speeches made by Mrs. Brailsford and the Hon. Evelina Haverfield being listened to with keen interest. Converts were made, and a collection amounting to £2 9s. 8d. taken. On Saturday Mrs. Jamson kindly gave a drawing-room meeting. Mrs. Eates, owing to an accident, was prevented from attending but Mrs. Kenyon at very short notice took her place and made a most excellent speech. A quantity of literature was sold, and new members made. On Sunday morning Miss Georgina Brackenbury addressed a large and enthusiastic audience on the Heath. There will be a public meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, November 21, at which Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. Joseph Clayton will speak. Mrs. Hicks will take the chair. Tickets may be obtained at the Shop. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Thomas, a looking glass and books for the library; Miss G. Batson, dolls; Miss Le Geyt and Miss Etta Rowlatt, home-made sweets. Members and friends are reminded of the lecture, "Suffragists and the Factory Act," by Miss Clementina Black (see Programme). A large attendance is hoped for.

HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Noble, Derby Lodge.

Two very successful open-air meetings were held on Saturday last, the speakers being Miss Richard and Miss Feek. Paper sales were again greatly increased. Tickets for the meeting on October 27, at which Lady Constance Lytton will speak, are selling well, and there is every chance of the hall being quite full.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. C. Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

A meeting was held in the Market Place, Romford on October 5. Large though the space is the crowd spread over into the road, and it was evident that there is room for much work in the neighbourhood. On the same evening Miss Naylor spoke at Clement's Wood Baptist Church Literary Society and greatly interested her audience. On Saturday Miss Trim spoke to a sympathetic crowd at Ilford. Members should book seats early for the Albert Hall. Boxes 3s. each, arena 1s. Mrs. Dearden is getting up a concert on December 1; seats, 1s. and 6d. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Regan 1s., Miss D. Harvey (re Hospital Carnival) 6d.

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 39, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

Work is going on steadily, three meetings being held weekly, and there will soon be a regular paper-selling pitch in Upper Street if some more volunteers will come forward. Members are asked to turn up in full force to the meeting on Wednesday. See Programme.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Eates, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

The first autumn At Home proved a great success, a large audience gathering in Mrs. Charles Kerr's drawing-room to listen with deep interest to Mrs. Cecil Chapman's speech. The next At Home will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 2, Campden Hill Square (by kind permission of Miss Brackenbury). The speaker will be Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Two drawing-room meetings have already been promised for this month, and it is hoped that many more may be arranged during the next few weeks. The Jumble Sale will be held on November 7. Miss Edwards, Mrs. Rogers, and Miss G. Wylie have kindly undertaken the pricing and ticketing of goods and management of the Sale. Thanks to the following for parcels: Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Charles Cope, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Bradbury Dillon, the Misses Vane, Mrs. Gais, Mrs. Wigg, Miss Limouzin, Miss B. Sharp, and Miss Warter. Goods for the Sale should be sent on or before October 30, c/o Mrs. Denibas, 34, Elgin Crescent, W. At the Workers' Meeting arrangements were made for canvassing the Earl's Court district. Miss S. Wylie has undertaken to organise this work. She will be assisted by Miss E. Wylie and Miss Brennan, and will be glad to hear of others willing to help. Thanks to Mrs. Ferguson for some charming jewellery for the Shop.

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 22, Acacia Grove, Dulwich.

All unsold tickets for Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on Oct. 21 must be returned to the Organising Secretary by Wednesday, Oct. 19. Any tickets not received by Thursday morning must be accounted for as sold. Attention is called to the fact that the public hall is but a few doors from West Norwood Railway Station, and therefore easily accessible from Streatham and Balham. Trams and motor-omnibuses run from Herne Hill, Brixton and Stockwell to within a few yards of the hall. A special appeal is made to those willing to help to chalk the meeting, as the district is very large. Names should be sent to the Organising Secretary as soon as possible. Miss Harriett Packer's address, the first of the series of six lectures on great English women, was excellently attended and much appreciated. Last Tuesday, Miss Jarvis delivered a most interesting lecture on Charlotte Brontë. Owing to Mrs. Bates' unavoidable absence the lecture next Tuesday will be kindly delivered by Miss Elspeth Carr, subject, "Women's Work in British Textile Industries before the 19th Century."

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Offices—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours, 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount Pleasant Road.

A strong appeal is made to members and friends to take part in the poster parade which starts from the Shop on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m., in order to advertise the Parish Hall meeting of Oct. 18, when Lady Constance Lytton and Mr. Brailsford will speak; Mrs. Hiscox in the chair. Others are wanted for bill distributing and paper selling along the route. Tickets for the meeting, price 1s. and 6d.; also Albert Hall tickets, box 3s., can be had by members from the Shop. A mothers' meeting was addressed by Mrs. McKenzie on Oct. 4, and on the same day Miss C. D. Townsend held a successful open-air meeting at St. Margaret's Road. Mrs. Brailsford delivered a most interesting address at Lee Green on Oct. 5, and on Hilly Fields on Sunday Miss Naylor carried her audience with her not only by her powerful speech, but by her masterly handling of the numerous questions. VOTES FOR WOMEN sold well, and a good collection was taken. Gratefully acknowledged—a number of picture postcards from Miss Decima Moore, autographed, price 6d. Thanks to Mrs. Rogers and Miss Chittenden for becoming regular contributors to the shop rent fund. The annual membership subscriptions (minimum 1s.) were due in September! Parcels for the Jumble Sale will be welcome. For meetings see Programme.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road Kilburn. Tel. 1183 Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

On Wednesday, October 5th, a very successful drawing-room meeting was held at Pinnercote, Pinner, by the kind permission of Mrs. Mark Verden. Mrs. Madeleine Lucette Ryley, the well-known author and playwright and the witty and brilliant advocate of the women's cause, was the speaker, and there is little doubt that her evidence on this occasion strengthened the enthusiasm of those who have already shown so much interest in the movement. Mrs. Ryley was ably supported by Miss Elizabeth Freeman, the hard-working devotee who is doing so much to improve the working girls' condition. The chair was taken by Rev. Llewellyn Smith, of Wembley, who is such a strenuous worker for the Church of England Woman's League. A beautiful banner was unfurled during the afternoon, and was presented to the Pinner branch of the N.W. London W.S.P.U. by Mrs. Maclelland. Many large and enthusiastic outdoor meetings have been held in different parts of the district, and at all of them the resolution has been carried with overwhelming majorities. The encouragement and sympathy shown to speakers is quite remarkable. Very good sales have been effected at the shop, the new goods being greatly appreciated. Will members who cannot help the cause with money or time support the shop by making their purchases there? Most necessaries are stocked. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Auerbach, 13s.; Miss Suckling, 7s. 6d.; Miss Deedy, 5s.; Mrs. Shewell Cooper, 5s.; and from the Hendon Union £2 12s. 9d. Albert Hall tickets can still be had. A large drawing-room is much wanted for a meeting. Who will offer?

NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clare Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate.

Workers are particularly requested to attend the general meeting at Miss Bonwick's, 28, Weston Park, next Tuesday (18th).

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—80, Praed Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield.

Through the kindness of members and friends all requirements for the Shop have been met, everything is quite comfortably established, and the premises distinctly ornamental. Meetings continue satisfactorily; with one exception the resolution has been carried overwhelmingly. At Tuesday's meeting Mrs. Kenyon made an admirable speech in the afternoon, and Mrs. Drummond spoke feelingly in the evening on the necessity of the vote for women who work for their living. Both addresses were much appreciated, also tea and conversation afterwards, which give an opportunity to members and friends to become acquainted with each other and pass a pleasant evening. All are cordially invited, and begged to bring their friends.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—305, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Cutten, 37, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. H. Roberts.

Three open-air meetings have been held this week, Mrs. Oliver Watts being the speaker at Walham Green on Tuesday mid-day and on Putney Heath on Sunday, and Miss Bonwick in Putney (Montserrat Road) on Tuesday evening. Will members please remember that paper-sellers are urgently needed both for open-air meetings and street-selling on Fridays from 7 till 9 p.m., and help in this way is worth a lot? Many thanks to Mrs. Shellshear for her most acceptable gift of marrow jam for the Shop, and to Mrs. Diplock, Mrs. Keeling and others for valuable additions to the Jumble Sale goods, which will be disposed of at Kelvedon Hall as before. Last time almost £9 was raised by this means, so the Committee have decided to repeat this method of selling the goods by instalments. Additions to the stock already received will still be most acceptable. On Friday, Nov. 4, a whist drive will be held at the Shop. Will members please try to dispose of as many tickets as possible for this? (1s. 6d., including refreshments.) An urgent appeal is made for funds, as the shop rent is very heavy. Two welcome additions of 3d. a week each to the weekly guarantee fund were made last week, but there are still many members who give no practical help. Albert Hall tickets (2s. each) have nearly all gone, so please order now. Other tickets will be procured to order.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

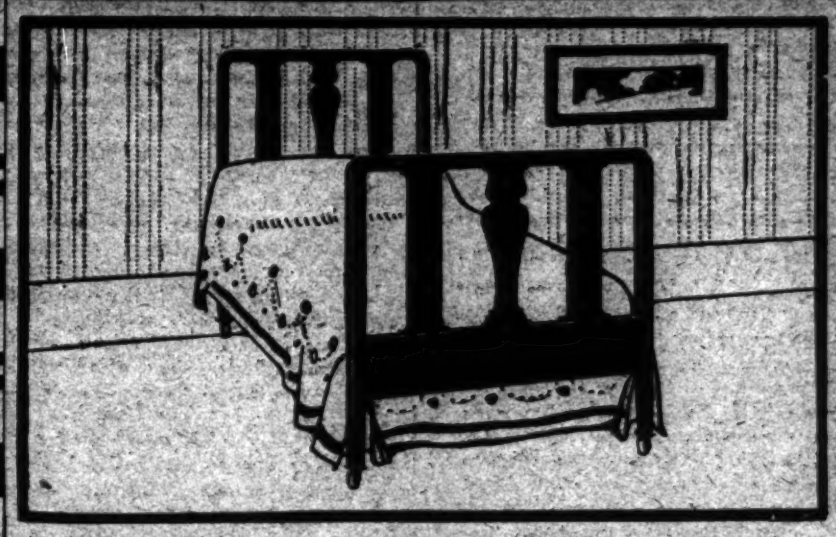
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Drummond, Mr. E. Duval very kindly came down last Saturday, at short notice, and delivered a stirring address to a large audience near the Fire Station, Miss Casey in the chair. Mrs. E. Jacobs, Evanette, Mate Road, Kew, has accepted the office of Hon. Literature Secretary, in place of Miss Ella Stevenson, to whom hearty thanks are due for the valuable work she has done during her tenure of office.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 6, Burghill Road, Sydenham.

A Suffrage entertainment including "Living Pictures" is being arranged to take place at Park Hall, on Tuesday, November 8. Will members and friends turn up in full force on that day? A great deal of help is wanted beforehand in ticket-selling, etc.



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The local Autumn Campaign opened well at the At Home on Friday afternoon. Members and friends are asked to notice particularly that in future At Homes will be held at 8 p.m., instead of 3.30 as formerly. The clearance sale at the Shop will be continued during the week. Members are urged to send Jumble Sale contributions to Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, at the earliest possible date in order that final arrangements may be made. Early application should be made for Albert Hall tickets, as they are selling very quickly. On Sunday afternoon Miss Wright held a successful meeting on the Common; at the close the resolution was carried. Members and associates are invited to the drawing-room meeting to be given by Mrs. Lamartine Yates at Dorset Hall, Merton, at 8 p.m., on Monday, October 17, when Lady Constance Lytton will speak.

Home Counties.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Strafford Road, Barnet.

A successful meeting was held in the Town Hall Room on October 7, when Miss Brackenbury gave an excellent address. There was a good sale of literature, and many new members were made.

BEDFORD.

Organisers: Miss Douglas Smith and Miss Joachim, Churchside, Dudley-street.

A very successful first meeting was held in Leighton Buzzard on Monday evening, when Miss Douglas Smith addressed a large crowd and papers were all sold out. A very noticeable and encouraging feature was the interest and enthusiasm of the women present. It is hoped soon to start open-air meetings in the county. Will members in other towns put themselves in touch with the organisers at above address? Miss Burley, 45, Tavistock Street, Bedford, will be very glad of any contribution, however small, towards the cost of the local campaign.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Working Men's Institute, Harpur Street, Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17.—Leighton Buzzard, Market Square, 6.30 p.m.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Young, "Berbice," Sea Road, Bexhill.

On October 5 the members held their first indoor meeting at the Victoria Hall. It was addressed by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Harlow Phibbs, and was very successful. It was most encouraging to the active members to find the Hall was not large enough, but they were sorry many friends had to be turned away. The resolution was carried without a single dissentient. A house to house canvass was carried out in Hove, a small village four miles from Bexhill, with excellent results, several VOTES FOR WOMEN being sold and leaflets distributed everywhere.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 121, Old Christchurch Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth. Hours: 11—1 and 2.30—5.

Saturday, Oct. 22.—St. Peter's Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—6, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 3383 (Nat.) Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

The Royal Pavilion meeting on Friday last was a great success. The proceedings commenced at 7.30 with an organ recital by Mr. Norman Richards, and at 8 p.m. the choir sang the Marseillaise, speakers and audience rising and joining in the singing. After Miss Campbell Patterson, a very gifted member of the Actresses' Franchise League, had recited Laurence Housman's "Woman This and Woman That," Mrs. Francis introduced Lady Constance Lytton who was greeted with a storm of cheers, and was presented with a large bouquet of lilies tied in the colours by Master Reggie Abbott, a young supporter of Votes for Women. Lady Stout, wife of the Lord Chief Justice of New Zealand, then told the audience of the good effect the Vote had had on legislation in her country, and made some very witty remarks at the expense of the "antis." Lady Stout's appearance on the platform came as a very pleasant surprise, her name not appearing on the bills. She is on a short visit to Brighton, and very kindly consented to speak not only at the Pavilion meeting, but also at the Members' meeting on Monday. A collection of £7 7s. was taken, a good deal of literature and VOTES FOR WOMEN sold, and new members joined the Union. Mrs. Clarke wishes to thank the members of the Men's League for their help as stewards, and all those hard-working members who did so much to make the meeting a success. The open-air meetings on the Front continue to attract large crowds, numbers of VOTES FOR WOMEN being sold and good collections taken. At all meetings the resolution has been carried with very few dissentients. All members are urged to give as much time as possible to working for the cause between now and November. Volunteers are wanted to mind the office, speak, and for paper selling. Mrs. Clarke will be at home in the office from 7 till 9 every Friday to discuss the future work and general position.

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT.

Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate. Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay.

The great event of the immediate future is Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Dover Town Hall on Oct. 26. Friends in Dover, Folkestone, Walmer and Deal are earnestly asked to help by selling tickets, which can be had from Mrs. Jones, 19, Priory Hill, Dover. Miss Key is taking charge of the literature sellers at the meeting. Hearty thanks to Mrs. Jones for very valuable and generous help; also to many others, too numerous to mention.

Will Canterbury friends please help make the meeting to be held at the County Hotel (by kind permission of Mrs. Tomkins) on the 27th, at 3.30 p.m., a great success by bringing as many strangers as possible? Mrs. Horsly, the local secretary (St. Stephen's Lodge), will be in the chair, and the organiser will speak. Mrs. Horsly can be seen at any time by appointment at the County Hotel. Miss Agnes Horsly has kindly consented to become literature secretary for Canterbury.

Ramsgate Suffragists are asked to remember the meeting arranged by the N.U.W.S.S. to night at the Lower Congregational Hall, at 8 p.m., at which the W.S.P.U. organiser will speak.

Wednesday, Oct. 26.—Dover Town Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

KNEBWORTH.

Organiser—Lady Constance Lytton, Homewood.

A successful meeting was held on October 5, at the Mission Room, Knebworth. The audience much appreciated the excellent speeches of Mrs. Arthur Chapman and Miss Douglas Smith, who were introduced by Lady Constance Lytton. The meeting had been organised specially for the benefit of Liberal working-class electors and residents, many of whom were present, and the platform was remarkable for its representative character. Mr. Wallace (Liberal), who headed the poll at a recent Resident Council's election, occupied the chair. The resolution was proposed by Mr. Williams (Conservative), seconded by Mr. Muirhead (Liberal), and carried by an overwhelming majority, only one hand being raised in opposition. Twenty copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. The collection amounted to £1 17s. 0d. The meeting was got up by local members and helpers, the organiser being away. Special thanks to Miss Avery, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wilson. The caretaker of the hall refused pecuniary reward for his services, and many other residents showed a like public-spirited zeal. Any men or women able to give their assistance in spare moments for the campaign in other parts of Hertfordshire are invited to send in their names and addresses to the organiser. Helpers are wanted for selling papers, distributing handbills, stewarding, speaking at meetings, etc. Travelling expenses will be refunded.

OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 209, Woodstock Road.

The end of September saw all the local members reassembled, and a committee meeting was held to arrange an autumn programme. During the Long Vacation several members have been working in English and Scotch holiday resorts, and only one open-air meeting was possible at home. This was very successfully got up by Miss Poole, Miss Baughan, Mrs. Morton and a gentleman sympathiser. On Oct. 5, an enjoyable members' meeting was held at Mrs. Purdon's, and the hon. sec. desires to express hearty thanks for the generous collection. It is hoped that the local union will shortly be able to rent permanent headquarters. Meanwhile weekly members' meetings are being arranged and open-air propaganda is being organised.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser: Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 7, Craneswater Avenue, Portsmouth.

In Portsmouth the open-air meetings continue to be very successful. On Tuesday next (October 18) Miss Decima Moore has very kindly promised to speak and recite at the Cadena Café at 3.30 p.m. Invitation cards may be had on application at the above address. Admission is free, but a collection will be taken. Members will be delighted to hear that Mr. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Massy will speak in Portsmouth shortly. The Albert Hall has been taken for Monday, November 14. Handbills and tickets (price 1s., 6d., and 3d.) will soon be ready. In Southampton, also, open-air meetings are being held. Some splendid dinner-hour meetings have taken place at the dock gates and the men are very sympathetic. They have been asked to question the local M.P.'s. (two Liberal "antis") when they visit the constituency. An important members' meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 3.30 p.m., at 81, Alma Road, Southampton. Members are urged to attend. Handbills and tickets (price 2s., reserved and numbered; 1s., and 6d.) are now ready for the Palace Theatre meeting on Saturday, November 19, when Mrs. Pankhurst will speak. All information from Miss Kennedy, 81, Alma Road, Southampton.

Loudon Albert Hall tickets can be obtained from Miss Marsh, price 2s. Three boxes have been secured for Portsmouth and Southampton members, and friends are asked to apply at once. Gratefully received: Mrs. Seymour, 2s. 6d., Mrs. Whitehead, 1s., and Miss Ruth Peacock, 2s. 6d. The organiser appeals earnestly to others to follow this example. Many thanks to Mrs. L. Peacock for the loan of a bicycle for the winter.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Portsmouth, Lecture Hall, Asburton Road, Miss Decima Moore, 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Portsmouth, "Black Dog," Arundel Street, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20. — Southampton, Dock Gates, 1.20 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21. — Southampton, Asylum Green, 7.30 p.m.

RAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.

The Shop was opened on Saturday last, and looks very nice, thanks to the help of several members and to Mrs. Hare for loan of table, Mrs. Underdown for loan of lamp and chairs, and Miss Curnock for gift of china, gas ring and gas bracket. Chairs, china, a thick curtain and hearthrug are still needed. Helpers for the shop, where it is hoped to have a public meeting every Tuesday evening at 8.15 p.m., are urgently wanted.

October 18.—Suffrage Centre, 8.15 p.m.

READING.

Shop and Office: 29, West Street.
Organiser—Miss Margesson.

The winter's work is in full swing, and members are asked to give all their free time so that the organisation may indeed grow this winter. A series of Council School meetings is being arranged between now and Christmas; those in charge of the various districts will be most grateful of offers of help in canvassing and selling the paper. Application should be made at the shop. Members can obtain Albert Hall box tickets, price 2s., from the organiser; also tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The organiser wishes to thank most heartily all those who have worked so successfully and kept the flag flying during her absence, and have also with such generosity "done up" the shop.

Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Newtown Council Schools, Miss Margesson, Chair; Miss O. L. Cobb, 8 p.m.

ROCHESTER AND CHATHAM.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Madelaine Gundry, 32, Stuart Road Gillingham.

The meeting in Chatham Town Hall was a great success, thanks to those kind members and friends who worked so well. Lady Constance Lytton quite won the hearts of her audience. The resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority. The local Press gave splendid reports. Now that Miss Laura Ainsworth has left the district will all friends and members please communicate with Miss Madelaine Gundry, who has kindly offered to become hon. secretary. She will be very glad to hear of offers of help in canvassing for the paper and signatures for the petition. It is hoped that members will arrange drawing room meetings, etc. An open-air campaign has been conducted in Maidstone during the last week, meetings being held each evening at the Cannon, particulars of which will be given next week, while at Gravesend a meeting was organised by Miss Boorman and Miss Hay last Thursday, when Miss Laura Ainsworth addressed a large crowd.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Ord, Seacroft, The Cliffs, Westcliff-on-Sea.

A meeting was held at St. Ursula, King's Road Westcliff-on-Sea, when Mrs. Warren, of Rayleigh, spoke, and was most helpful with her advice and experience of the splendid work she is doing at Rayleigh. A union was formed, Miss Ord kindly consenting to act as hon. secretary, Mrs. Skye as treasurer, and Miss Aloynn literary worker, with a small committee to be elected. It is felt that in such a growing place there is much room for activity, and the secretary will be glad to hear from members and sympathisers who will help in any way.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—13, Paradise Street. Tel., 1412 Midland.
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

A new shop has been taken at 97, John Bright Street. This is a very excellent central position, being just opposite New Street Station and near so many tram termini, and the large window will afford excellent chances of advertisement. The rent, however, is double what it is now, and moving will be a heavy expense. A fund is being raised to cover the extra expenses, and many members have generously responded by guaranteeing a certain amount towards the first two quarters' rent. Further contributions will be very welcome. A generous and clever plan of helping the funds is being adopted by the Misses Parker. Having passed several examinations in a brilliant manner, they have thereby won a sum of money, with which they have secured the services of the famous Cardona Comedy Company to give an entertainment in aid of the W.S.P.U. funds. This will be held in Queen's College, on October 26, at 7.45. All expenses are being paid, so that all money raised on sale of tickets will be profit for the union. Tickets are reserved throughout, 2s. 6d. and 1s. It is to be hoped there will be a good attendance.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Queen's College, Miss Naylor, 3 and 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15.—Bristol Street Schools, M.P.U. Meeting. Mr. Mahoney, Major Gen. Phelps, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16.—West Bromwich, People's Hall, Debate Miss D. Evans, 10.45 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 21.—Bristol Street School, Miss B. Myers, 8 p.m.

LEAMINGTON.

Organiser—Miss Evans, 32, Paradise Street, Birmingham.
Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Bull, Ashton House.

Monthly Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month, in the Trocadero Restaurant, at 7.30 p.m. A deputation of Suffragists will wait upon Mr. Pollock, M.P., at Dalmeny House, Clarendon Place, on Saturday, October 15, at 5 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1715 Leicester.
Organisers—Miss D. Pethick and Miss D. A. Bowker.

The great event of this week is Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's visit on Tuesday—the private At Home which Miss Frisby is so generously giving to provide members and sympathisers with an opportunity of meeting Mrs. Lawrence and so coming into closer touch with the movement and one of the leaders—and the public meeting in the evening in the Co-operative Hall (tickets 1s. and 3d.) when Mrs. Lawrence will speak on the great woman's movement of to-day. More stewards are still wanted for the evening meeting. Volunteers should send in their names at once to the organisers. Will stewards wear white as far as possible, and regalias if they have them? Tickets (1s. each) for the whist drive (Nov. 3) are now ready, and it is hoped that members will take this up well and get rid of many tickets.

Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Leicester, Co-operative Hall, **Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.** Chair: T. Smithies Taylor, Esq., 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Market Square, Open-Air Meeting, 8 p.m.; Loughborough, Lecture Room, Corn Exchange, H. W. Nevinson, Esq., Chair: Dr. Corcoran, 8 p.m.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Corcoran, 25, Victoria Road.

Members are all very disappointed at the necessary postponement of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's visit to Loughborough, which was fixed for October 20, but they are very fortunate in securing Mr. Nevinson in her stead, and may congratulate themselves on having an opportunity of seeing and hearing such a staunch friend of the movement. Admission is free, but reserved seat tickets can be obtained from the hon. sec.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.: Miss K. Jerwood, Little Bowden Rectory.

Miss Bowker is putting in a very useful week's work in Market Harborough and district. In preparation for the winter's work in general and the next At Home in particular. It is hoped that all members will rally round and help to make the work a success, also that each member will feel it her personal responsibility to come herself and to bring her friends to the regular monthly At Homes which will be held throughout the winter. At the next At Home, on Monday, October 24, Miss M. Brackenbury has promised to speak, and Miss Isabel Logan to take the chair.

NORTHFIELD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Earl, Rathvilly School.

Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Rathvilly School, Monthly Meeting. Miss Bertha Ryland, Miss C. E. Dugdale, 7.30 p.m.

West of England.

BATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.
Shop—12, Walcott Street, Bath.

Monday, Oct. 17.—St. Mary's Church House, Grove Street. At Home.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Jubilee Hall. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1365.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

The first winter At Home was held at the Victoria Rooms on Monday last, when the splendid speech by the Rev. J. Ivory Cripps made a deep impression; new members were made and a good collection taken. On Wednesday a glorious meeting was addressed by Miss Annie Kenney at Wells, Mrs. Troup, a prominent local lady, in the chair. The resolution was carried unanimously. The same evening a most successful meeting was held at Devizes, when the Rev. Geoffrey Ramsey (Rector of Writhlington) was the speaker, and great interest was shown. On Friday the Rev. J. Ivory Cripps addressed the first weekly meeting of the season in the Victoria Hall, Exeter. This also was a very good meeting. Members are reminded of the next big event—Mr. Pethick Lawrence's visit on Friday, October 21 (see below). A few reserved seats, 1s. Get your tickets early! More paper-sellers are needed. Will members realise the importance of this and respond accordingly? Financial help in view of the coming Pageant, expenses of which will be very heavy, will be most welcome.

Monday, Oct. 17.—Victoria Rooms, At Home, 3.30 p.m.; Bridgwater, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Crispin Hall, Street, 8 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21.—Victoria Rooms, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq., 8 p.m.

CORNWALL.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Tewell, Rosslyn, Penzance; Miss Edith Williams, Glanafon, Devoran, R.S.O.

The meetings at Devoran and Truro were very successful, both rooms full, and a good sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN and literature. The audiences thoroughly enjoyed Miss Brackenbury's delightful addresses, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Many thanks to Mr. Gilbert Young for his kind help and for stewarding in both places, and to the Rev. J. H. Edwardes for the sympathetic words in his vote of thanks at Truro. Gratefully acknowledged: Mr. Bond, £1 1s.; Mrs. Powell, 10s. towards local expenses, and Miss Wearne, 1s., stamps for local correspondence.

EXETER.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Friday, Oct. 21.—Victoria Hall, 7.30 p.m.

WILTS.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Katharine Abraham, 3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

On October 5 a very successful meeting was held at Devizes, when the Rev. Geoffrey Ramsey, Rector of Writhlington, was the speaker, and Mrs. Mansel took the chair. Miss Jessie Smith, of Bristol, held a midday meeting outside the foundry, at which there was a large attendance, and much interest shown. Many thanks to those members who have written to their friends in this district asking them to help. Workers and funds are earnestly asked for, especially in Calne, Chippenham, and Warminster.

Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Calne, Miss Kenney, 7.30 p.m.

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Members are asked to put all their energy into making Lady Isabel Margesson's evening meeting next Tuesday a great success. At Home cards can be obtained at the Shop. Will members who do district visiting please arm themselves with a little bundle of invitation cards and make a point of getting at least six men or women to come? One member at the previous meeting got thirty people from her district in this way. Miss Evelyn Sharp's convincing address at Moreccmbe House last Saturday has done great good. Mrs. Pearce, the hostess, presided, and a good collection was taken. On Monday Miss Joachim addressed a very successful At Home, kindly arranged by Miss Margaret Fison. Special lists for those canvassing for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting on November 2 are now ready, and the organiser is very anxious that members living in Ipswich will make use of them. It is hoped in this way to prevent any unnecessary overlapping.

Monday, Oct. 17.—Constitution Hill, Broadview, Lecture, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18.—St. Michael's Parish Room, Lady Isabel Margesson, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Westerfield, "The Gables," At Home. Lady Isabel Margesson, Hostess; Miss Cullingham, 3 p.m.; Rushmere Schoolroom, Rushmere, Lady Isabel Margesson, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Lowestoft, 15, Marine Parade, At Home, Miss G. Brackenbury, Hostess; Mrs. Worthington, 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21.—Gorleston-on-Sea, At Home, Miss G. Brackenbury, Hostess; Mrs. Ryley, 3 p.m.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 63, Wanningham Lane, Bradford.

The At Home to welcome Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was very successful. The room was crowded, several new members joined, and many promises of practical help were received. The resolution was carried unanimously. The effect of Mrs. Lawrence's stirring words will not soon pass off, but it is felt will be productive of better results in the coming winter's work. Plans for this were discussed more fully in the evening, when Mrs. Beldon kindly invited the workers to meet Mrs. Lawrence at her house. A very happy evening was spent, and Mrs. Lawrence's announcement that as the past half-year's work in the centre showed a profit, the beautiful Bradford silk banner, payment for which has not been completed, would become the Local Union's, was received with great pleasure. Shop days are now all filled in, and Mrs. Holtom has kindly undertaken the work of Exhibition Secretary. Woollen goods and other articles will be most welcome. Volunteers for canvassing to work up open-air meetings and St. George's Hall meeting, also paper-sellers, are needed. Names should be sent to Mrs. Potter at the office. Mrs. Keeling has already made a splendid start at Darley Street pitch.

Tuesday, Oct. 18.—Bradford, Prospect Street, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Friends' Meeting House, Fountain Street, North Parade, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Duckworth Lane, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.

ILKLEY.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 18, Trafalgar Road.

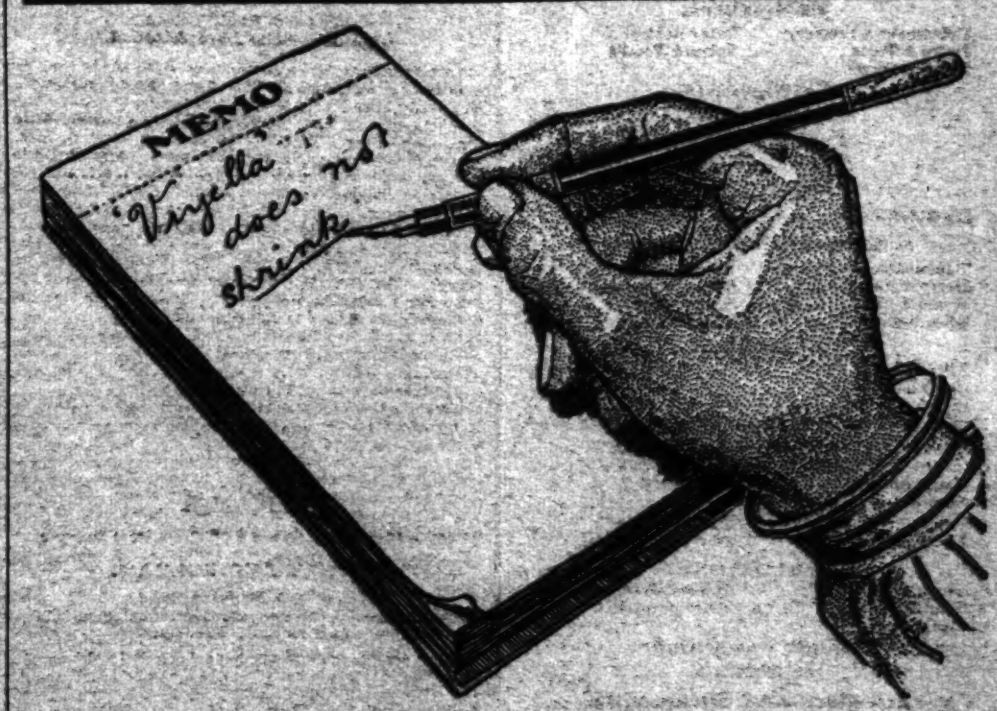
Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting roused Ilkley splendidly, and won many converts. Her speech was listened to with rapt attention, and the applause of the audience showed a grasp of policy as explained by her that did credit to the political insight of Ilkley people. It was very fully reported in the local Press. Miss Miller Wilson was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present, but her place was taken at very short notice by Mrs. Beldon, who seconded the resolution in a very appropriate little speech, and it was carried with only two dissentients.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 66, Westgate Road.

When this appears in print the Bazaar will be over, and all energies will be concentrated on South Shields, where Sir W. S. Robson's promotion to be Lord of Appeal necessitates a by-election. A meeting held in the Co-operative Hall at Newbiggen, by Mrs. Atkinson and the Organiser, was an unqualified success, and the Resolution was carried unanimously. Amongst the visitors were half a dozen undergraduates. The large Drawing Room Meeting arranged for Mrs. Taylor and the Organiser by Madame Marie Belin resulted in a collection of £2 5s. 6d. Each lady present was given a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN by Mrs. Taylor, and great interest and sympathy were awakened. The Organiser is very hopeful that this may find expression in deeds and increased membership.

Sunday, Oct. 16.—Gateshead I.L.P., Westfield Hall, Miss Williams, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, 3 and 7 p.m.



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Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 23, Barwick Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

At Saturday afternoon's meeting every paper was sold, none being left for the evening meeting. Volunteers are wanted for selling at a pitch in the town on Saturday mornings, from 10 to 1. Thanks to Mrs. Wardell, who is kindly giving the tea for this week's Sewing Meeting. (Price 6d., to go towards Cake and Apron Sale.)

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Esplanade, Mrs. Brindley, Miss Suffield, 3 p.m.; Aquarium Top, Mrs. Brindley, Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17.—Sewing Meeting, at 3 p.m.; Tea, 4.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 45, Marlborough Road, Sheffield. Tel.: Broomhill 449.

The cake and candy sale and concert realised two guineas. Best thanks to Miss Edith Irons who organised it, and to the performers, Mrs. Rose, Miss Key Jones, Miss Jennings and her friends, and the Misses Mary and Gwenny Evans; also to Mrs. Archdale for the use of her drawing-room. All members are asked to subscribe proceeds for the china stall at Southport. Lady Constance Lytton's meeting on October 26 will be a most important gathering. Offers of drawing-rooms for meetings, and helpers for stewarding and bill distributing are needed. Will members volunteer at once? It has been decided to hold a sale of articles suitable for Christmas presents in December; full details later.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Leeds, Members' meeting.
Monday, Oct. 17.—Crookesmoor, St. John's Schoolroom, Debate, Miss A. Pankhurst, Mr. G. Smith, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Grimesthorpe, Wesleyan Reform Schools, Upwell Street, Lantern Lecture, 8 p.m.; Woodhouse Church Schoolroom, Miss E. Irons, Mrs. Rollo, Miss A. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Grand Hotel, At Home, Lady Isabel Margesson, Mrs. Arnold, 3 p.m.

YORK.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 68, Hunthorpe Road. Hon. Treas.—Miss Violet Key-Jones, Hawthorne Lodge, Bishopthorpe.

A most successful At Home was held on October 5 in the Exhibition Buildings. Miss Key Jones presided. Mrs. Archdale spoke on woman's legal position with regard to infant children, and replied to Mrs. Colquhoun's statement that the position of women in this respect was good. Miss Adela Pankhurst also spoke, nine members joined, a good collection was taken, and there were excellent sales of literature. Thanks to Mrs. Coultate, the Misses Suffield, and Miss Key Jones for the excellent meeting. Monthly At Homes will be held in the Exhibition Buildings, beginning on November 2.

North-Western Counties.

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—28, Berry Street. Tel. 3701 Royal.
Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

Only a few days remain in which to make Mrs. Pankhurst's first visit to New Brighton and Birkenhead an unqualified success. Chalking every street corner and handbilling every house is essential, and each one is asked to take upon herself this duty. Mrs. Heathcote has undertaken the secretarial work in connection with the advertisement stall, and has already had several consignments of goods sent and promised her. Mrs. Abraham, with her usual thoroughness, is making good headway with the advertisements for the programme and making the exhibition well known among the business houses in Liverpool. Miss Corson still needs a secretary for the blouse stall. Who will help? Cheshire members will be glad to hear that, following Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, indoor meetings have been arranged in both districts for the winter, and the organiser looks to every member to make these the success the cause deserves. On the first and third Thursday in each month meetings will be held in Holyoake Hall, Laird Street, Birkenhead, at 8 p.m., beginning Nov. 3, and again on the second and fourth Thursday in each month, at the Green Sea Rooms, Victoria Road, New Brighton, beginning Oct. 27. Other districts will be shortly opened. Work meetings are held at the office every Tuesday, at 7, until Christmas.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Birkenhead, Grange Road, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15.—New Brighton, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18.—New Brighton, Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Flatman, Chair; Mr. John Joyce, J.P., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Birkenhead, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Flatman, Chair; Mrs. A. C. Abraham, 8 p.m.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Georgina Brackenbury.
Central Office—164, Oxford Road, Manchester. Tel.: 3821 City.

Members will be delighted to hear that Mrs. Pankhurst has consented to speak to-night (see below). Next Friday Mr. Walter F. Roch, M.P., Pembrokeshire, will be the chief speaker. Admission to the members' meeting will be by contribution of some article suitable for the dolls, toys and Christmas presents stall. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, and so a substantial contribution to this stall. Mrs. Robinson, the president, has offered two prizes of 5s. each, one for the best dressed doll, and the other for the most costly article made from material costing not more than 1s. Members may send in for competition goods handed in on the 19th inst. The Alexandra Park demonstration on Saturday last was a great success, the resolution being passed with only one or two dissentients. Thanks to Miss Capper, Miss Rose, Miss Williamson, and all those members who acted as stewards, for their help on that occasion. The jumble sale at Hale provided a substantial fund for the household linen stall, thanks to Mrs. Yates, Miss Helen Tolson, Miss Catharine Tolson, and all the Bowdon members who contributed to the success of this venture.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Onward Hall, Deansgate, At Home, Mrs. Pankhurst, H. N. Brailsford, Esq., Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss Rona Robinson, M.Sc., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—Manchester, 164, Oxford Road, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21.—Onward Hall, Deansgate, W. Roch, Esq., M.P., Miss Brackenbury, Miss Rona Robinson, M.Sc., 8 p.m.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 61, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

At last week's meeting a syllabus was arranged up to Christmas, but this next week's meetings are specially to consider ways in which the Southport pageant may be advertised in and around Preston. A social will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27. Particulars later. The bazaar secretary acknowledges a gift for the Preston stall from Mrs. Wilson, also the promise of a dozen yards of material and an order for a djibbah from Mrs. Hesmondhalgh. A special appeal is again made for money or material.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—13, Neville Street.
Organiser—Miss Dora Marsden.

Last week members were kept busy preparing for Mr. Lawrence's meetings at the Town Hall, Waterloo. Thanks to Miss Florence who took entire charge of the meeting, also to Mrs. Ferrer, Miss Alice Ferrer, Miss Hall, Miss Scott, Miss Evelyn Roberts, and to Mrs. Wood, for the use of her drawing-room. Mrs. Wood is doing excellent work in connection with the Bazaar Programme. To-day (Friday) a special Gala Matinee has been arranged by Mrs. Emily Thomas, at the Pier Head, Professor Powsey gives a special diving performance, and the hall being lent the entire proceeds go to the Northern Exhibition Fund. Mrs. Thomas is also in charge of the quotation birthday book, and she asks for quotations accompanied by 1s. Thanks to Mr. Sykes for undertaking the art and curio stall.

Friday, Oct. 14.—Pier Head, Gala Matinée, Mr. Bert Bryne's Company, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Southport Liberal Club, Mr. Laurence Housman, evening.
Friday, Oct. 21.—Birkdale, The Warren, Reception, Lady Constance Lytton; hostess, Mrs. Sykes.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—4, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.
Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, B.A.
Tel.: 4183 Central.

The organiser, on her return, found the summer work successfully closed, and the winter plans well in hand. Many thanks to Miss Wolseley Haig, Miss Hudson, Miss McFarlane and Miss Mitchell for carrying on the office and open-air work throughout the summer; and to Miss B. Gorrie, Miss Fishlill and the Misses Scott for their assistance at speaking and paper-selling. This week meetings have been held at Tranent and Haddington. At the Thursday At Home, Dr. Letitia Fairfield made a brilliant speech; Miss MacGregor, of Abbethune, well known for her long and faithful service to the Suffrage cause, was in the chair. To-morrow (Saturday) a jumble sale will take place at 63, Dalry Road. It is not too late to contribute; all articles will be gratefully received. Kindly send them direct to the shop in Dalry Road. Thanks to Miss Arnott for a gift of linoleum for the office kitchen.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Haddington Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Brailsford; chair, J. D. Hope, Esq., M.P. Castle Street, Miss Mitchell, Miss Burns, 12 noon; 160, Dalry Road, Jumble Sale, 3 p.m.; East Linton, Miss Murray, Miss Gorrie, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19.—The Mound, Dr. Fairfield, Miss Hudson, 8.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Society of Arts Hall, George Street, At Home. Miss B. Murdoch, Miss Burns, 3 p.m.; 8, Melville Place, At Home, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.
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Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie.

Contributions in money or goods for the Cake and Candy Sale will be gratefully received at 502, Sauchiehall Street, or on the day of the sale (October 18) at the Charing Cross Halls. For the Café Chantant Miss Kate Bone has secured promises to appear from most of the leading musicians and members of the theatrical profession. The Rev. David Graham has also kindly consented to take the chair at Mr. Brailsford's meeting on October 22. The tickets for this are selling so rapidly that intending purchasers should apply at once lest they be disappointed. Miss Burnet took the chair, and Mrs. White spoke at the At Home meeting on Saturday. The first speakers' class will be held after the At Home, and the organiser hopes still more members will join. Helpers are needed for bill distributing, canvassing, and addressing envelopes.

DUNDEE.

Office—61, Rattenrow.

Members are asked to note that there will be an At Home every Wednesday evening at eight, and there is much work to be done in connection with Mr. Brailsford's and Miss Pankhurst's meetings. Helpers for chalking and bill distributing and subscriptions are badly wanted. On Thursday, October 6, a deputation waited on the Town Council. It consisted of representatives of the three societies, and the members expressed the hope that the Council would see their way to pass a resolution calling on the Government to grant further facilities for the Conciliation Bill. This resolution they passed unanimously.

Saturday, Oct. 15.—Sandwich Parade, leaves Shop 4 p.m.; meeting, foot of Hilltown, 5.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20.—Sandwich Parade, leaves Shop 8 p.m.

SOUTHPORT EXHIBITION.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN are reminded that this great exhibition and pageant will take place from December 14 to 17 next. Help of all kinds is wanted, and members and friends can help in a special way by providing goods for sale.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elocution Mistress, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

Hon. Secretary, Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was unfortunately prevented from being present at last Friday's class, but it is hoped that she will be good enough to come some other night. Miss Christabel Pankhurst very kindly filled her place, and the speakers were very grateful to her for so kindly coming again to help them. She gave them some excellent advice at the end of their speeches, and was able to put them right on several technical points. She expressed appreciation of the speeches they had made, and assured them that if she had been an "anti" she would certainly have been converted! Miss Margaret Cameron has promised to come to-night, and members will be glad to hear that Mrs. Drummond has promised for the 21st. Will members please try and be more punctual, as it is very disturbing when they come in after the class has begun. The classes are held every Friday evening at 4, Clements Inn, at 7.45 p.m.

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Owing to the withdrawal of Miss Craggs, who has gone to help at Walthamstow by-election, the office will only be open from 2.30 to 4.30 daily. Miss Tyson will be very glad if those who can undertake office duties during these hours will communicate with her as soon as possible, so that the work may not suffer in any way.

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President—The Bishop of Lincoln.
Hon. Sec.—The Rev. C. Hinscliff, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.

Tickets for the At Home at Steinway Hall, October 26, at 8 p.m. (speaker, Miss Olive Christian Malvery), are being sold rapidly. Members who wish to secure seats should apply at once to the Secretary. Reserved seats, 1s. 6d. and 1s.; a few balcony seats, 6d. The Hon. Secretary regrets to say that, acting under medical orders, he will be unable to make any further speaking engagements for some time, but will have to confine himself to secretarial work. Volunteers for the procession to the three o'clock service at Westminster Abbey, on Monday, November 14, are requested to send in their names as soon as possible to the offices, when further details will be forwarded. Meetings are arranged during November at Oxford, Kenilworth, Leamington, and Willesden Green, and on November 24 a meeting will be held at Eastbourne.

Oct. 15.—Inauguration of Greenwich and Lewisham Branch, Eton House, Dacre Park, Lee, S.E. Chairman, Archdeacon Escreet, 5 p.m.
Oct. 20.—Anerley Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, 8 p.m.
Oct. 26.—Steinway Hall, Miss Olive Christian Malvery, 8 p.m.
Nov. 14.—Procession to the Service at Westminster Abbey, 3 p.m.

MEN'S COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE TO WOMEN.

By the courtesy of the International Women's Franchise Club, an important meeting of this Committee was held in the club premises, on Friday evening, 7th, the chair being occupied by Mr. Albert Dawson, President of the Committee. Dr. Bather, F.R.S., sketched the history of the Committee, the many cases of injustice to women in which it has taken a protective interest, and appealed to men to join the Committee and to support its efforts with funds. Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Hon. Sec. of the Conciliation Committee, explained some points in the Bill, and a general discussion on the policy and the future work of the Committee ensued.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

An account of Mrs. Pankhurst's Dublin meeting appears on page 21. Mrs. Earl, who seconded the vote of thanks, was Mrs. Pankhurst's hostess, and Ald. Dr. McWalter fetched Mrs. Pankhurst to and from the meeting in the mayoral carriage. On Wednesday Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall, Dundalk. Mrs. Richardson, B.A., presided, and Mrs. Palmer attended to represent the I.W.F.L. On Thursday, under the presidency of Dr. Elizabeth Bell, Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a meeting under the auspices of the Belfast Suffrage Society, and on Friday she spoke in Derry, where the Mayor, who presided, undertook to propose in the Council a similar resolution to that recently passed in Dublin. Mrs. Pankhurst, after a triumphant, if strenuous week, returned to Dublin on Saturday to attend a special reception held by the I.W.F.L. in their rooms in Great Brunswick Street. Mrs. Cousins acted as hostess. The rooms were bright with the colours (green and gold) of the League and a large number of members and friends welcomed Mrs. Pankhurst. In response to her appeal to Irishwomen to join the next deputation to the House of Commons several volunteered. During her Northern tour Mrs. Pankhurst also secured volunteers in Dundalk and Belfast for danger-service. It is expected that a considerable contingent from the I.W.F.L. will represent Irishwomen on the next march to Westminster. Miss Webb presented Mrs. Pankhurst with a Kilmainham brooch in Celtic workmanship in the name of the I.W.F.L., remarking on the peculiar appropriateness of its name, seeing that Kilmainham is the Irish Holloway. In response to an appeal for funds to continue the country campaign, over £30 was contributed to the League treasury, and several new members and associates were enrolled.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

A preliminary meeting was largely attended at the *Christian Commonwealth* offices, on Wednesday afternoon, when letters expressing sympathy were read from Dr. Clifford and others. Mr. Albert Dawson was in the chair. Mrs. Strickland, of Hastings, and Miss Turquand, of Anerley, spoke, showing the necessity for such a League, and that it was intended to meet a long-felt want among the Free Churches. Miss Hatty Baker followed, pleading that a Cause which asks that women be no longer overworked, underpaid, underfed, driven into vice and immorality, and which seeks to safeguard the interests of women should be upheld by Free Church people. A resolution that a Free Church League be formed was passed, discussion was invited, and names were handed in. Any wishing to join the League are invited to send their names to Miss Hatty Baker (temporary Hon. Sec.), 133, Salisbury Square, London, or 25, Hardington Villas, Hove.

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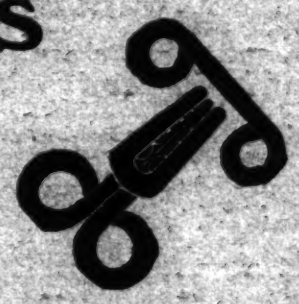

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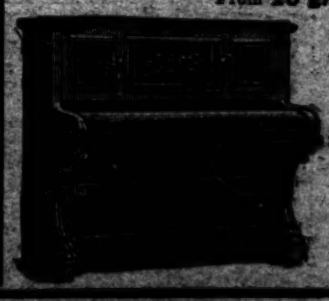

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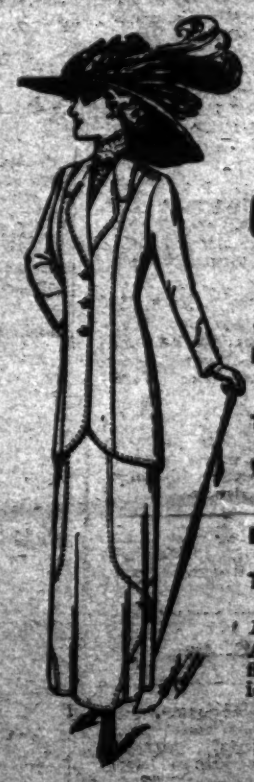

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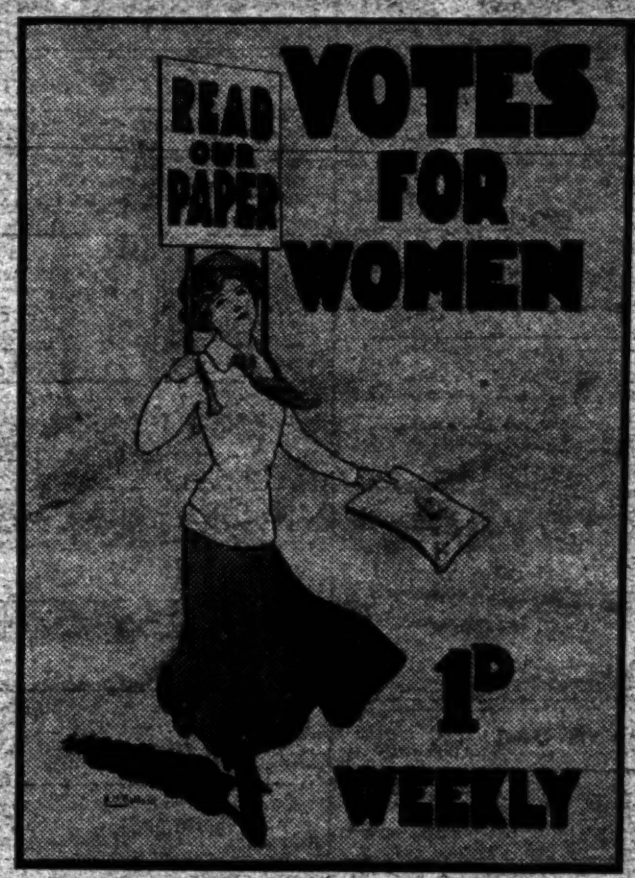

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